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## Rolls-Royce wins £600m BA contract

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce, the state-owned aero engine maker, emerged as the victor over the might of the Americans yesterday in the battle to provide engines for the next fleet of British Airways Boeing 747 jumbo jets — the biggest commercial aviation order in history.

The BA contract appears to have given a renewed impetus to the state sale of Rolls-Royce, probably next spring, and to the privatization of British Airways itself. The news will have come as a relief to Mrs Thatcher, who refused to intervene to ensure that BA bought British engines. The order should be won "on merit", she said, although she made clear to BA her hope that Rolls would win.

BA has placed firm orders for 16 of the new 747-400s, due to make their first flight in 1988, plus options for another 12. The total order, including the Rolls-Royce engines, could be worth £2.7 billion. BA is replacing its fleet at the rate of £550 million a year for the next decade.

The contract to supply newly developed RB211-525D4D engines for the first 16 747s is worth £600 million to Rolls over the lifetime of the aircraft and should provide 20,000 man-hours of work for the company and its suppliers.

The engine order was placed after eight months of negotiations, in what were described yesterday as "some of the most tough and aggressive competitive conditions" between Rolls and its American rivals, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney.

Rolls is already in partnership with GE, each has a 25 per cent stake in the other's big fan engines, and Rolls stood to net about £165 million had the order been won.

Deal gives impetus to the state sale of Rolls-Royce and the privatization of British Airways.

BA selected the rival GE CF6-80C2.

The issue has recently become highly politically charged in Britain, particularly after a public warning from Sir Francis Tombs, the Rolls chairman, that its privatization, due in the first half of next year, could be placed in jeopardy if the BA order went to the US. Rolls is heading towards a pre-tax profit of £100 million this year and is considered ready for sale.

Although the price of Rolls shares should not be affected by one order, the "emotional" City of London was quick to respond to success or failure, Sir Francis said.

Repeated denials on all

sides yesterday that ministers had attempted to influence BA were designed to defuse any possible controversy. City observers have suggested that continuing government tinkering with BA's commercial judgment could sour a public flotation that has already been delayed.

BA is to acquire the aircraft under complex operating leases as part of a financial package put together by Rolls. This involves a syndicate of international banks providing a revolving credit facility worth £1.4 billion to finance the aircraft purchase, and BA will not have to borrow any money.

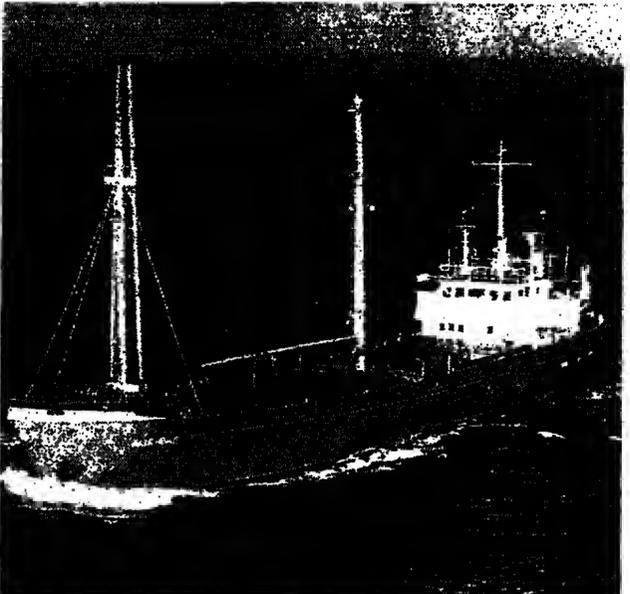
Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, who gave final approval to the deal, emphasized yesterday that BA had chosen Rolls engines "on commercial grounds in the face of strong competition".

Mr Ralph Robins, the Rolls managing director, said: "This is very good news indeed. Our success in this extremely tough competition ensures the continuation of our long association with BA."

The order is the second to be won for the 58,000 lb thrust D4D engine, with Cathay Pacific choosing Rolls for its two 747-400s, and brings the total Rolls order book to £3 billion. Mr Robins was

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## Tamils paid £1,600 each for transatlantic trip



The cargo ship Aurigan, now being hunted after the issue of an international arrest warrant.

## World hunt for cargo ship refugee-runner

By Robin Young in Hamburg and Mark Ellis in London

World shipping authorities yesterday launched a global sea search using satellite and computer-linked tracking systems to pinpoint the whereabouts of the German cargo ship Aurigan, sought after the dumping of more than 150 Sri Lankan refugees off Newfoundland.

An international warrant for the arrest of the ship's owner-captain, Herr Wolfgang Bindel, for alleged refugee smuggling was being arranged yesterday by Canadian authorities, but no charges have been laid against him in Germany.

Since the castaways were found adrift last Monday, shipping authorities around the world have been baffled about the whereabouts and identity of the vessel that took them towards Canada.

Shipping experts around the world used the key clues of names on the lifeboats and lifejackets used by the refugees to trace a tortuous line of ownership back to the small coastal freighter Aurigan, which flies the Honduran flag.

The last official sighting of the ship was on July 28, according to the Lloyds of London late yesterday, but she gave no indication of her course or destination.

Records at Lloyds showed that her last listed voyage was to a destination unknown from Bremen on May 28. Investigators had earlier discounted her in the hunt for the vessel connected with the "boat people" because the date was considered too early to be linked.

A spokesman for Lloyds of London said yesterday that

even though the ship was small it would have been notified by agents of her movements in any European port within a day or so.

However, it was not unusual for ships' movements to go unrecorded for a few weeks, especially if they were sailing to small Baltic ports or long distance in which case information would be late reaching London.

He added: "I would hardly think she would have sneaked into a port to take on people without port authorities or customs knowing about it."

The International Maritime Bureau in London, a branch of the International Chamber of Commerce set up in 1981 as a focal point for shipping fraud investigations, confirmed yesterday that German police had linked the name of the ship with the investigation into the refugees.

A spokesman said: "It's difficult to hide a ship like this. I know it's only a small one, but I think it will turn up."

West German police announced they had succeeded in identifying the ship at a press conference in Hamburg. The president of Hamburg criminal police, Herr Dieter Heering, said Captain Bindel is believed to have received at least DM700,000 (£226,000) in payment for his refugee smuggling.

The Aurigan is a 425 tonne coastal freighter which until 1984 was only licensed to travel in the North Sea, the Baltic and the Bay of Biscay. It was bought by Captain Bindel

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## Next week

### Harvest of sorrow



Starting Monday: How Stalin's terror killed 14 million Russian peasants

Degrees of ability

Starting Tuesday: Should school leavers go to university — or take the money and get a job?

### Portfolio Gold

There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, the weekly prize of £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.

Yesterday's prize of £8,000, double the usual amount because there was no winner on Thursday, was won outright by Mr R.H. Davis, of Cyncoed, Cardiff. Details, page 2.

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## Inflation at lowest for nearly 20 years

By Richard Thomson

The rate of inflation hit its lowest point for nearly 20 years last month, with the prices of many goods falling for the second month in succession.

The news follows Thursday's disappointing figures on unemployment and earnings, and was quickly seized on by the Government as evidence of the success of its policies.

The retail price index sank to 334.7 compared with 385.8 in June 1974=100, giving an annual rate of increase of 2.4 per cent.

The last time inflation fell as low as this was in November 1967, when the annual rate was 2 per cent. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, hailed the inflation rate as good news, but warned against complacency.

He said: "The danger is that people will start taking low inflation for granted and they should not forget the effect that almost two decades of high inflation had on savings, investment and jobs in this country."

The Government is concerned at the high rate of wage increases, which are running at more than five per cent above the inflation rate.

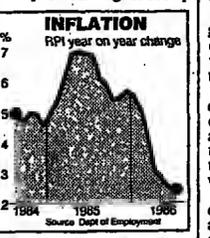
Most City analysts believe that this could be the lowest point inflation will reach before the next general election. Unless there is a bigger than expected fall in seasonal food prices in August, they forecast that inflation will reach more than 3 per cent by the end of the year.

July is the seventh consecutive month in which the annual inflation rate has slowed. Measured over one month, the RPI fell by 0.3 per cent thanks to a sharp fall in food prices.

There was also a drop of 1.2 per cent in the cost of durable household goods — mainly floor coverings and furniture — because of summer sales.

Petrol prices fell 3p a gallon in July to an average of 161.7p a gallon, 33.6p lower than in May last year. Department of Employment officials warned that prices would show a rise in the August price index.

There is also likely to be an increase during August in the price of durable household goods, footwear and clothes as sales end, and in gas and beer prices in public houses. These will be partially offset by a fall in seasonal food prices.



## Pit strike police escape discipline

Police officers had assaulted miners, over-reacted and been abusive in clashes with pickets at the height of the year-long pit strike, a Police Complaints Authority inquiry report said yesterday.

But no action has been taken against the guilty men because none has been identified in spite of a long and detailed investigation into the violence at Staithes, South Yorkshire, in August 1984.

Many officers tore off their identification numbers before the trouble began, the report says.

There were 50 complaints about police behaviour during the trouble at the pit village which erupted when two local miners broke the strike.

"It is quite clear that some police officers did over-react and that a few did assault prisoners after arrest and that others were abusive and uncivil," the report says.

"The authority is concerned that it has not been possible for disciplinary proceedings to be taken against those officers who behaved badly."

Police uniforms and riot gear have now been redesigned so that numbers are visible, a move welcomed by the authority.

The authority, an independent body which investigates complaints by the public against the police, took over the investigation from Nottinghamshire police when it was set up in April 1985.

Complaints against the officers ranged from unlawful arrest, assault, aggressive conduct, incivility, perjury and damage to property.

Many people said they had seen officers hit friends or neighbours with truncheons but were unable to identify the men even after seeing photographs taken by demonstrators.

"Some officers had removed their numbers. They were only attached by Vetro

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## Fish dinner puts Queen Mother in hospital for tests

By David Sapsted

The Queen Mother was flown by helicopter to the Royal Aberdeen Infirmary yesterday after complaining of throat discomfort shortly after eating fish.

It is almost four years since her throat was operated on at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers after a fishbone lodged in her throat during a meal at Windsor.

Tests were carried out yesterday by Dr Peter Brunt, the Queen's physician in Scotland and a leading gastroenterologist. A spokesman for Clarence House said the Queen Mother was expected to remain in hospital overnight, but he declined to comment on her condition pending the results of Dr Brunt's tests.

Clarence House confirmed that the Queen Mother dined on fish on Thursday evening, but the spokesman declined to link the two incidents.

An RAF helicopter took the Queen Mother from her Calthness home, the Castle of Mey, where she is taking her annual summer break, to Aberdeen.

The Duke and Duchess of York had been scheduled to visit her at the castle yesterday but their trip had been cancelled because the Duchess strained her left knee at a picnic during the Royal Family's cruise of the Western Isles.

Although the Duchess's injury is not regarded as serious, she and her husband remained aboard Britannia yesterday. They are expected to travel to Balmoral today, but a Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night it was still

doubtful whether she would be able to make a planned boat trip with Queen today to mark the 850th anniversary of the port of Aberdeen. Doctors said the Duchess' knee needs three days of complete rest.

If the Queen Mother remains in hospital, members of the family congregating in Aberdeen for the port celebrations will probably visit her today.

Consultant Mr Alan Fuller, who carried out the 1982 operation on the Queen Mother, refused to speculate on the possible causes of the latest problem but said reports from Aberdeen "must be regarded as fairly good news".

Mr Fuller, a Harley Street otolaryngologist, would not confirm or deny that Aberdeen consultants conducting the tests had been in contact with him. "All I can say is that, professionally, I consider she made a very good recovery from her last operation."

Speculation that the condition of the Queen Mother, who celebrated her 86th birthday earlier this month, may not be serious heightened when Buckingham Palace confirmed last night that the Queen planned to adhere to her weekend programme and was not expected to visit the hospital overnight.

The Queen Mother was due to join the rest of the Royal Family at Balmoral next week. She has no official engagement.

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## Large Soviet satellite falls towards Earth

Cape Canaveral (UPI) — A mysterious and apparently massive Soviet satellite in a decaying orbit was expected to plunge back to Earth today, promising to make a "spectacular re-entry" as it breaks up in the atmosphere.

A spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (Norad) said it would not be possible to predict where the satellite would re-enter until just before the event, and even then, the accuracy of the prediction would be small.

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## Fears growing for British climber

Fears are growing that a leading British climber, Mr Alan Rouse, was killed with five other mountaineers on K2, one of the world's most treacherous peaks.

The men were last sighted climbing the Himalayan mountain at 24,000 ft on August 4.

Mr Chris Bonington, Britain's best-known climber, said yesterday: "I heard last night that they were still missing. Hopes that they are still alive must be pretty thin by now."

"I would have expected them to have been back down the mountain five days ago."

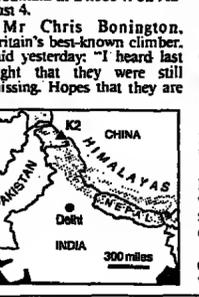
Mr Rouse, aged 34, a veteran Himalayan climber, had teamed up with a Pole and four Austrians after the British team of eight, which he had been leading up the unclimbed north-west ridge of K2, was dogged by bad weather and had to abandon its attempt.

The second team was to take an easier route.

Mr Bonington said he suspected they might have been caught in an avalanche.

"The fact that none of them has got back down is very worrying and it leads me to suspect they may have been caught in an avalanche."

"But there's still nothing conclusive at the moment. All we can do is hope."



## Backstage drama ends Glyndebourne season

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A troubled season at the Glyndebourne Opera drew to a close last night with the resolution of a dispute involving about 20 technicians protesting about the terms of their contracts.

The discreet row in the prestigious Sussex-based company involved members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance (Beta), which reached agreement with the management a few hours before the curtain rose on the final performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni.

Glyndebourne said that rehearsals would begin on schedule next month for its six-week provincial tour starting on October 6.

Beta said that it had resolved legal difficulties posed by a decision to terminate contracts a week early, after the cancellation of a BBC television recording.

A 24-hour strike by Beta costume workers disrupted production of the BBC TV serial EastEnders at the Elstree studios yesterday. The Corporation said that programming would not be affected.

## Malta greets the Navy with cheers and tears

From Austin Sammut, Valletta

Malta gave the Royal Navy an emotional welcome yesterday as HMS Brazen entered Grand Harbour, the first visit by a British warship in seven years.

The scene was a replica of one 44 years ago, when a depleted Allied convoy saved the island from starvation and defeat in 1942.

The bastions around Grand Harbour were lined with people struggling for a vantage point since early in the morning. At 9.30 am Brazen, commanded by Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, Commander-in-Chief, Fleet, sailed towards the harbour, surrounded by hundreds of boats sounding their sirens, many flying Union Jacks.

An unexpected vessel was a small Soviet tanker, which repeatedly crossed the frigate's bow about half a mile ahead.

A 21-gun salute from Brazen was reciprocated by a 17-gun salute from Fort St Elmo as the frigate entered the harbour. Then the scene was set, as the thousands of on-lookers burst into applause, cheers, singing and even tears.

The crowds waved Union Jacks and Maltese flags, T-shirts and handkerchiefs. The frigate's crew, lined up smartly on deck, replied by waving their caps.

People then ran to Crucifix Wharf, just under the former Nato headquarters at Floriana, where Brazen berthed for her five-day visit. Here were gathered many "karozzini", the horse-drawn carriages that had transported so many British sailors in the past.

The crowds waited another two hours to cheer Admiral Hunt, Captain R.S. Cobbold of the Brazen, and the British High Commissioner to Malta, Mr Stanley Duncan, who left the ship to call on Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, the Prime Minister.

Admiral Hunt told journalists on board Brazen that the "ship was thrilled with a most marvellous welcome". He described the Royal Navy as the "third largest in the world, very strong, very healthy, very effective and on the forward edge of technology".

Mr Duncan described Anglo-Maltese relations in the past year as having "blossomed in all directions", and Brazen's visit as "the highest manifestation of these good relations".

Last year, Malta had felt it should make an effort at reconciling relations with Britain, he said. This feeling was shared by the former Prime Minister, Mr Dom Mintoff. Once the main problem of Second World War wrecks and bombs in Maltese waters were solved, there remained no serious impediments.

## Lesbian attacker is jailed

Jayne Scott, the gym mistress in the lesbian love triangle case, was sent to prison for seven years yesterday after a jury found her guilty of a frenzied attack on her homosexual lover.

The Slough and Eton Church of England secondary school teacher, aged 30, was found guilty of clubbing Miss Susan Craker, her deputy headmistress, with a claw hammer.

Miss Craker, 35, who suffered brain damage during the attack last August, attended court in a wheelchair.

Miss Scott denied attacking Miss Craker after finding out that she was having sexual relations with her former lover, Mrs Debbie Fox.

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## Gooch out of tour to Australia

Graham Gooch announced yesterday that he would not be available to go on the England cricket tour of Australia this winter because he wants to be with his family.

The 33-year-old opening batsman said: "My wife, Brenda and I have just had baby twins, so go with our young daughter Hannah, and my family commitments mean I can't go away for four and a half months."

Gooch, who has played in 58 Tests and is one of the world's top cricketers, said he wanted to continue playing for England at home, including the third Test against New Zealand at the Oval next week, and did not rule out the possibility of touring.

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# Employment minister to put government case at TUC Congress

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's chief Commons spokesman on employment, intends to use next month's Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton to launch a counter-attack on TUC-Labour Party plans to scrap the Government's industrial relations laws.

Mr Clarke will be the first Cabinet minister to accept an invitation to attend the conference since Mrs Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979. He will observe the industrial relations debate on September 1 and will have informal talks with union leaders.

Whitehall sources said yesterday that, while not appearing on the platform, Mr Clarke would exploit media attention to attempt to shoot holes in the pact reached in the document, *People at Work, New Rights and Responsibilities*.

He will also try to strike a conciliatory note in private

talks, assuring union leaders that the Government believes it can "do business" with moderates intent on placing the interests of their members before political posturing.

He will try to persuade them that the existing legal framework strengthens the hand of forward-looking leaders like Mr Eric Hammond, of the electricians, who believe claims for better pay and conditions must be founded on genuine workplace democracy, and that Labour's policies would fuel the extremism and militancy espoused by the likes of Mr Arthur Scargill.

The minister will emphasize that repeal of the existing legislation will open the door to secondary action, complete with flying pickets, and the unfettered continuation of the closed shop.

With public attention largely focused on inter-union controversy over the document's support for statutory pre-

strike ballots, linked to the right of individual members to appeal to a quasi-legal tribunal where this is ignored, he believes these gains are being overlooked.

He will also contend that the little practical help to trades unionists ordered out on strike without a ballot because rulings would be likely to be given after the event.

Ministers believe the new industrial relations laws have been among the most popular and successful of the changes wrought by Mrs Thatcher's administrations. Mr Clarke's presence at the TUC conference signals the Government's determination that this progress should not be undermined by a cosy new deal between Labour and the unions under which Mr Neil Kinnock wins workers' support for his policies and TUC chiefs regain their political and industrial clout.

# Claim in at Austin Rover

Management at Austin Rover are considering the first pay claim they have received for two years. It was put to a management team yesterday by union leaders representing 19,000 hourly paid workers.

The unions want about an extra £10 a week, with improved overtime rates, more holidays, an hour off the working week and a review of their bonus scheme.

They have said they would accept a two-year deal, to replace the current agreement, which runs out at the end of this year.

Another long-term agreement appears vital to Austin Rover to maintain production stability and to keep disruption to a minimum.

After the meeting yesterday at the company's management training centre at Haseley Manor, near Warwick, a company spokesman said: "The unions have now submitted their claim and the company will be giving a considered response later, possibly in a few weeks."

The unions commissioned a report from the Trade Union Research Centre at Ruskin College, Oxford, on how much the company could afford, before drawing up the pay claim.

The claim affects hourly paid workers at Austin Rover plants at Loogbridge, Birmingham; Cowley, Oxford; Swindon, Wiltshire; and Llanelli, South Wales.

# Newsagent to challenge seat belt fine

A newsagent fined for not wearing a seatbelt while making deliveries says he will appeal against the conviction and, if necessary, take his fight to the House of Lords.

Mr Brian Webb, who delivers 16,000 newspapers a week in a rural part of Cambridgeshire, said yesterday: "It's ludicrous to expect me to take a seatbelt on and off 500 times a day. I should be treated like milkmen and postmen who are exempt for deliveries."

Mr Webb, aged 41, of Sandringham Avenue, Wisbech, was ordered to pay £35 by Wisbech magistrates for failing to wear a seat belt. He was taken to court after the same police officer stopped him four times in three months.

Mr Webb, who delivered his papers yesterday without wearing a seat belt, said he would fight the conviction all the way. "If I lose I'll sell my business," he said. "Life would be impossible."

The National Federation of Retail Newsagents said that Mr Webb's prosecution was the first to be reported. Mr Ken Peters, general secretary, said: "We support Mr Webb because he has been prosecuted for something we believe is quite unjust."

# Crash deaths

Shane Grootz, aged 28, of Sutton Courtenay, and Tracy Tye, aged 18, of Didcot, both Oxfordshire, were killed when their sports car hit a tree and split in two at Crowmarsh early yesterday.

# Legal fear on sale ruled 'unfounded'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Labour's attempt to delay next month's £1 billion-plus flotation of the Trustee Savings Bank received a setback yesterday when Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, insisted that there was no legal obstacle to the sale.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, and Dr Oonagh McDonald, spokesman on Treasury affairs, had urged the Government to postpone the sale until October to give MPs an opportunity to consider a Lords' judgement that the bank's £800 million assets belonged to the State.

They had argued that the ruling meant that the proceeds of the sale should accrue to the Exchequer, that the Government was giving away more than £1 billion of taxpayers' money, and that the will of Parliament expressed in the 1985 Act allowing the transfer of TSB assets to a new public limited company had been flouted.

But Sir Patrick, in a letter to Mr John Morris, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said that Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was right when he drew a distinction between the

# TSB flotation

Crown or Government and the State.

The Crown, he said, was a body with legal personality and the ability to hold and dispose of property, while the State had no such personality and its assets were ultimately at the disposition of Parliament.

The assets of the TSBs can therefore aptly be described, in the language of Lord Templeman, as having belonged to the State.

"It does not follow from the fact that the TSB surplus assets can be so described that they should accrue to the Exchequer. The taxpayer has never contributed to them..."

"On the abolition of the TSBs and the Central Board there would be no legal personality entitled to their assets, and Parliament was entirely free to dispose of them as they thought fit."

The way now appears clear to the bank's flotation, although Labour can be expected to press on with its attack on the alleged giveaway of public money as part of its campaign against the Government's privatization programme.

# Holidaymaker returns after 'fatal' accident

Mr Steve Eatwell, injured in a road crash while on holiday in Corfu, was pronounced dead by a Greek doctor who then went to a bar near by.

Yesterday Mr Eatwell, aged 23, arrived home and spoke about the treatment he and his friend, Mr Colin Selman, aged 21, received after the night-time collision on hired motor cycles.

"I was lying there with blood pouring from my nose and the doctor simply pro-

nounced me dead and went for a drink.

"They told Colin to get a taxi if he wanted hospital treatment - and he had broken his arm in two places."

The two friends, from Gallowtree Common, Oxfordshire, spent several days in Corfu Town Hospital where Mr Eatwell was treated for a perforated eardrum and a broken collar bone.

Mr Eatwell's father had to send £1,500 for the damaged motor cycles before they were allowed to leave the country.



Christopher Nener (centre) has every reason to look happy with his friends Robert Woolcott (left) and Matthew Fox. The boys gave him the kiss of life when he stopped breathing after falling.

He was taken to hospital and placed on a life support machine. The three, all aged 12, from Vivian Road, Sketty, were at Swansea City Hall yesterday where Mrs Lillian Hopkins, the Lord Mayor, presented Robert and Matthew with awards from the Royal Humane Society.



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother greeting the Queen at Scrabster harbour yesterday, only hours before she was flown to the Royal Aberdeen Infirmary. (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

# Queen Mother in hospital

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meets until September 9 in Glasgow.

A Clarence House spokesman said no members of the family were with her during the 130-mile flight to Aberdeen. An RAF Sea King helicopter was sent from Lossiemouth shortly after 3 pm yesterday to collect her.

"I have no idea of the Queen Mother's condition when she boarded the helicopter. It is unlikely that she flew alone," the spokesman said.

Earlier yesterday the Queen Mother had driven to nearby Scrabster Pier to meet the

Queen, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She showed no signs of illness or discomfort during that trip.

A surgeon from the Royal Yacht was later called to the castle and the helicopter sent for shortly afterwards. When the Queen Mother arrived at hospital, dressed in a peacock blue dress and matching hat - the same outfit she wore to meet her family - she walked to an ambulance and waved to hospital staff.

After a 300-yard drive to the accident and emergency unit, she was admitted for tests and last night was resting in a private room on the third

floor, guarded by several plain-clothes policemen.

The Times medical consultant, Dr Tom Stott, said last night all indications were that the Queen Mother's condition was not serious but would require continued observation.

If a small fishbone had become stuck in her throat it would have to be removed, as before, to prevent the formation of secondary abscesses, he said.

Tests carried out were likely to include inspecting the Queen Mother's throat with a bronchoscope to determine the nature of any obstruction.

# Sellafield plutonium fears Tests on children demanded

By Jill Sherman

Cumbrian pressure groups want a halt to all reprocessing at the Sellafield nuclear plant and an immediate investigation into plutonium levels in local children.

The calls follow the discovery of plutonium concentrations hundreds of times higher than normal in bodies of three former workers in a study by the National Radiological Protection Board.

Cumbrians Opposed to a Radioactive Environment has criticized the NRPB for trying

to assure people that the levels were still negligible. "The effect of fall-out levels of plutonium persuaded the superpowers in the sixties to stop weapons testing," Miss Jean Emery, the group's chairman, said.

"Now we have people who have been contaminated with levels 600 times greater and the NRPB is trying to claim that the levels are insignificant."

Experiments with dogs had proved that no level of pluto-

nium concentrations was small enough not to cause cancer, she said.

Miss Emery dismissed NRPB assurances that the workers had died from heart attacks rather than cancer. Evidence showed that plutonium workers were more susceptible to heart disease and early heart attacks than the general population.

Unions at the plant were also to blame, she said. They should be ensuring that staff worked in as safe an environment as possible.

Friends of the Earth, the anti-nuclear campaigners, have called for an immediate investigation into plutonium levels in local children. Most antiprotection carried out in the NRPB studies had been on adults, yet it was known that children were more susceptible to the effects of plutonium and much smaller levels of the material could have far reaching consequences, particularly in infants.

# Big rises offered to nuclear inspectors

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Pay rises of between 8 and 23 per cent have been offered to a small group of Government scientists as part of a campaign to recruit inspectors to check nuclear power stations and advise Government Ministers on safety.

There should be at least 120 professional members of the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate, which is part of the Health and Safety Executive. But the number has fallen to 98 - 24 of whom are over the age of 55 - and some younger inspectors have gone to more lucrative jobs in industry.

Another factor which prompted resignations was the transfer of most sections of the inspectorate from London to Bootle, on Merseyside, last year.

The pay rise decision stemmed directly from Whitehall's concern over nuclear safety in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.

The immediate effects of understaffing on the nuclear industry in Britain were the

subject of a recent report to the Government which concluded that monitoring to ensure nuclear power stations met safety requirements was being delayed and in some cases drastically cut because of a shortage of inspectors.

The survey revealed that none of the inspections to ensure the Central Electricity Generating Board's (CEGB) old first generation Magnox nuclear reactors were up to modern standards had been completed.

Difficulties were further compounded by extra work needed by the public inquiry into CEGB's plan to build Britain's first pressurised water reactor, PWR, at Sizewell in Suffolk and the safety audit at the British Nuclear Fuels reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

The increases of £1,200 to £3,500 a year were an effort to retain, as well as recruit, more staff.

Hitherto, the nuclear safety inspectors were paid on civil service scientific grades.

# Convict's £5 is now worth £1,500

By Trudi McIntosh

The Trustee Savings Bank is trying to trace the relatives of a Sheffield woman who was transported to Australia in 1857 for theft.

They stand to inherit a nest egg of £1,500, accrued over the past 129 years in interest on an original deposit of £5, a national search of the bank's archives has discovered.

A TSB spokesman said Mary Larner, who was a single woman living in the Sheffield area, opened an account at the

city's TSB branch in Norfolk Street in 1857, only a few months before she was found guilty of either stealing sheep or a loaf of bread.

Both legends mention that she was definitely transported to Australia that year," the spokesman said.

The search through some of the bank's several million dormant and inactive accounts, has discovered a number of "historical treasures".

The records show that Charles Dickens, the author, opened an account for a friend, Bertha Wright, at the Finsbury TSB branch, London, in October 1845.

"Many accounts include those which were opened for children but were then forgotten."

TSB will leave all longstanding inactive accounts indefinitely on a dormant ledger, unless they are claimed.

# Science report Hoofprint device beats the dust bowl

By David Nicholson-Lord

Small indentations in the ground, identical to those made by animal hooves, can prevent land from turning into a dust bowl because of drought, overgrazing or erosion when protective hedges, rows and trees are rooted out.

It is thought that the technique, known as land imprinting, developed in the United States, Israel and Australia, involves technology simple enough to be of cheap and effective use in Third World rural development.

In the past creating new grassland has often taken second place to reforestation as an answer to the world's growing topsoil crisis.

The reason, simply stated, was that reforestation appeared technically less feasible.

Land imprinting is described in the journal of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as a "classic example of man's inadequate but developing comprehension of the co-evolution/co-habitation and mutually beneficial relationship between the forage resource and the foraging beast".

The animals' hoofprints act as a natural container, attracting rainfall, holding it and creating "nature-irrigated" germination and plant growth.

Imprinting also crushes unwanted vegetation, concentrates

and appears to qualify as highly appropriate technology for the Third World.

Most of the imprints in use in the United States are locally manufactured.

Man-made hoofprints carry certain advantages: they can be evenly spaced and distributed; they can be designed to penetrate dry soil at the right time of year; and seeding can be done before the seasonal rains begin.

The imprinter can also be modified to take account of local variations in soil, rainfall and vegetation.

# Plea for Falklands 'drugs' statement

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linnithgow, yesterday demanded an urgent ministerial statement about allegations that Servicemen had been growing cannabis in the Falkland Islands.

The allegations emerged on Thursday shortly after five Gurkha soldiers of the British Army were convicted of smuggling drugs worth £190,000 into Britain.

Mr Dalyell said that there had been "a whole cascade" of allegations about the results of boredom among troops and that was natural enough since it was a godforsaken spot for troops to be stationed.

However, the Ministry of Defence said that it had no evidence that cannabis had been grown by troops in the Falklands. Since the enlarged garrison was established in the islands after the conflict of 1982, only four servicemen had been convicted of drug offences while serving there.

It was pointed out that the cold, damp climate was not especially suitable for growing cannabis, and that the possibility of its cultivation would also be limited by the four-month timespan of Servicemen's tours of duty in the islands.

A spokesman for Rear Admiral Christopher Layman, Commander of the British Forces in the Falkland Islands, said that there had been no drug-related cases involving servicemen this year. There had been three allegations of drug abuse, but all were without foundation.

He dismissed suggestions that cannabis plants were being grown in barrack rooms but added that routine investigations would be carried out.

The civilian police have been attempting to control the illegal importation of cannabis to the local community, principally by workmen while the Mount Pleasant airport was being built.

The total number of members of the British armed forces convicted of drug offences has risen from 153 in 1980 to 336 in 1984. Of those the Army accounted for 39 in 1980 and 149 in 1984.

# Students' patience is tested

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

More than 40 A-level students who have spent the past two years studying economic history at Hull College of Further Education were mystified yesterday to find that they had received no examination results in that subject.

The students were awarded grades in their other A-level subjects, but no mention was made of economic history.

After many telephone calls it emerged that an investigation was under way by the Joint Matriculation examination board (JMB) in Manchester following suspicions about some of the answer papers.

The unspoken implication was that cheating had taken place.

Mr Colin Vickerman, secretary of the JMB, said: "In anything affecting exam security we have a policy of not saying anything. It was necessary to make some investigation. That has now been completed and we are now in a position to publish the results in the next day or two."

He said: "Every year boards have cases of malpractice which may involve thefts of exam papers, suspicion of unauthorized access, or of advice or guidance being given, or suspicion of collusion between candidates."

"Some of these are accidents and some are people trying to beat the system. The unfortunate thing here is that the suspicious came to light relatively late in the day."

A surprise appointment in the Department of Education and Science of a senior official from the Mappow Services Commission to be in charge of the school curriculum and exams appears to be a further sign that the Government wants to align schooling more with the world of work.

Miss Jennifer Bacon, director of occupational training at the MSC, is to replace Mr Nicholas Summers, who is moving to the further and higher education department.

# Cattle testing unit to close

The Ministry of Agriculture's brucellosis testing unit at Worcester is to close and its work will be concentrated at the Central Veterinary Laboratory at Weybridge, Surrey.

# Portfolio Gold

## Holiday bonus for Cardiff winner

Mr Robert Henry Davies, aged 65, from Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, heard about his Portfolio when he arrived in Aberystwyth on the North Wales coast last night for a weekend family holiday.

Mr Davies, who retired from his job as purchasing officer with the South Wales-based J R Freeman cigar firm five years ago, said he has been playing Portfolio ever since it was launched.

He said: "This is marvelous news. I'm quite shocked. It will pay for the new D registration Golf car I've just bought."

Mr Davies lives in Cardiff with his wife, Victoria, and they have twin children, Nicholas and Peter.



Mr Davies: A new car.

# Archer's appeal to youth

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Jeffrey Archer, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, called on Tory youth wings to redouble their recruiting and campaigning efforts.

He was responding to growing concern in Conservative circles over flagging support among the under-25s.

He told the Federation of Conservative Students and the Young Conservatives, not always the most amiable of bedfellows, that it was vital that they build up branches in universities and polytechnics.

"We must concentrate not only on rhetoric but on recruiting," he says in an article in the latest issue of *New Agenda*, quarterly journal of the new right-dominated FCS.

The accent of the campaign should be on the present and the future, not the failings of the last Labour government, because few young people could remember those days, he adds.

The deputy chairman's intervention comes after the successful youth drives launched by Labour and the Alliance, which have used pop groups and showbusiness personalities to make political creeds more palatable to new voters.

Central Office is thought to be planning similar moves. Mr Archer's message also contained a rebuke for the FCS, some of whose members have been caught up in rowdy incidents more often associated with the far left, and espoused 'outlandish' causes such as the privatization of the Royal Family.

"It is vital that the FCS gains a reputation for credibility so that others, who have previously been critics and seen the federation as a small clique with strange and often unacceptable views, should realize it is indeed a force to be reckoned with."

"We are a party for all the people and you must accept into your ranks those who do not agree with every one of your doctrines."

# Buyers alerted to get advice on timeshares

Timeshare buyers should not sign or pay anything before the details have been checked by their solicitor, the Office of Fair Trading says in its new consumer guidelines.

The office says it has been receiving an average of five complaints a week.

"There are few legal controls and consumers need to be on their guard," Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of Fair Trading, said.

# Correction

Mr David Moffat is acting chairman of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, not the Police Complaints Authority, as stated in *The Times* yesterday. Sir Cecil Clothier is chairman of the complaints authority.

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# Teacher gets 7 years for hammer attack on her lesbian love rival

By Michael Horsnell

Jayne Scott, the gym teacher at the centre of the "lesbian love triangle", was sentenced to seven years in prison yesterday for a savage attack on her lover rival.

The jury of 10 men and two women at the Central Criminal Court found Scott, aged 30, guilty of causing and inflicting grievous bodily harm on Miss Sue Craker on August 6 last year.

Scott repeatedly battered Miss Craker, who was deputy headmistress at the Slough and Eton Secondary School, with a 2lb claw hammer after she discovered she had slept with Scott's former girl friend, Miss Debbie Fox.

The court was told that Miss Craker was found beaten and covered in blood at her home in Abbots Road, Barnet, north London, where all three women were staying at the time.

Miss Craker suffered brain damage and is partly paralysed and depends on a wheelchair.

Before retiring to consider its verdict the jury was given plastic gloves in case members wanted to examine the blood-stained hammer. The judge said it could transmit diseases such as hepatitis.

After the jury's four-hour retirement Scott accepted her

sentence without emotion and was led away by women prison officers. Mr Michael Morland, the recorder, told her: "This was a horrific crime. You were a woman of hitherto exemplary character. You have been described, and I accept that you were a dedicated teacher."

"I accept that in August of last year you were suffering from a substantial degree of depression following the illness and death of your father in the previous August."

"You were vulnerable to the burgeoning sexual relationship between Miss Craker and Mrs Fox. I suspect that you believed something had occurred between the two of them before breakfast on Tuesday, August 6."

"Your jealousy caused you to lose all self-control and you deliberately took the opportunity of Miss Fox's absence to bludgeon Miss Craker with a claw hammer and all but destroyed her life."

"Her injuries were terrible. She is left substantially paralysed, brain damaged and with painful speech defects."

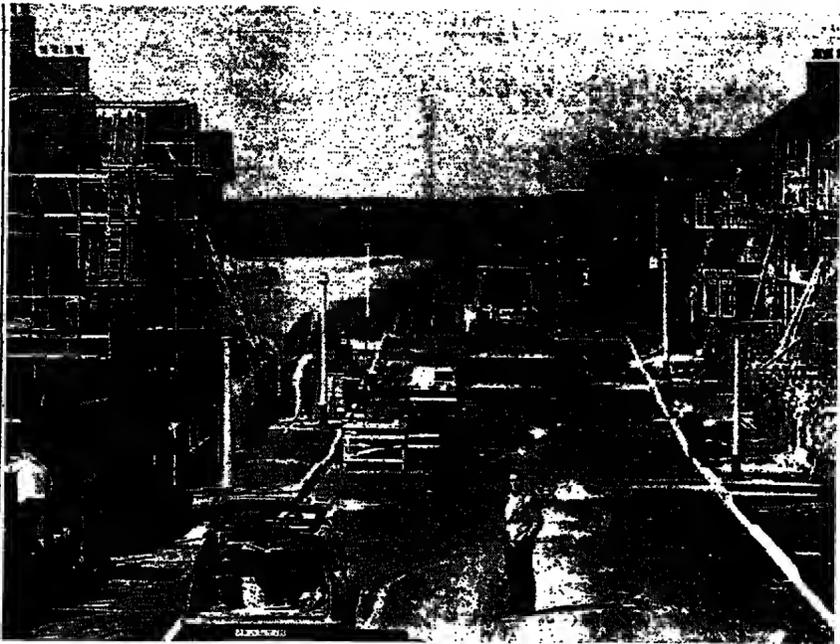
He said that the sentence of seven years was the least that he could pass in the circumstances.

Mr Morland had rejected a plea by Mr Richard Cherrill, for a hospital order after Dr Gerald Silverman, a psychiatric consultant, said Scott was mentally ill and suffering from amnesia.

Miss Craker said afterwards: "She deserved everything she got. Not enough. Should have been longer. She ruined my life. I hope she suffers like me. Never forgive. Never."



Miss Sue Craker leaving the court yesterday after hearing the verdict (Photograph: Leslie Lee).



Mr Michael Dryhurst, co-producer of *Hope and Glory*, hoping for a reprieve on his wartime set which local residents want to see pulled down (Photograph: Graham Wood).

## £600,000 film set may be demolished

By Trudi McIntosh

A £600,000 film set, which re-creates wartime London on the runway of a disused airfield at Wisley, Surrey, might have to be demolished only days before filming is completed.

It is being used for *Hope and Glory*, a £4 million American-backed film starring Sarah Miles.

Guilford Borough Council and local residents who live near the airfield, claim that the film's producers did not apply for planning permission before building the full-scale set last June.

Residents are also unhappy about plans by Mr Michael Dryhurst, the English co-producer, to stage a simulated air raid at night over the Wisley airfield.

An enforcement order was issued on the film producers, states that the site, which lies in a Green Belt area and is privately owned by Wisley Properties, an offshore company, must be cleared and reinstated by early October.

But filming is not due to be completed until October 31.

Yesterday Mr Dryhurst said he was stunned by the council's attitude.

"I have filmed everywhere in the world, from Sydney to Tokyo and never had any problems before."

He asked: "Why is it that only in Britain are you faced with one obstacle after another when the film industry desperately needs rejuvenation?"

Mr Dryhurst claimed that a Guildford council official said that no planning permission was needed because the set was a temporary structure.

"We are made out to be the baddies, but I fail to understand how a set like this, built in the middle of wheat fields with a few farms and a small group of houses near by, could annoy anyone."

His only hope to save the set and complete the film, is to apply for a one-month extension to the order.

*Hope and Glory*, a drama-comedy written and directed by John Boorman, is set in "Rose Hill Avenue", a 650ft-long street lined by 18 pairs of semi-detached houses modelled on an actual street in Carshalton, Surrey.

The film company, Davros Production Services Ltd, has

offered to move local residents to hotels on the night that the air raids are staged.

He said the set, which had provided a lot of work for local contractors, would be dismantled by October 31 and the old runway left in a "spotless condition".

Mrs Janet Terry, a resident whose house in Elm Corner borders the airfield, said: "We are sick of things being dumped on the airfield and the film company should have got planning permission."

She said parents with small children were also worried by the planned "blitz" scenes.

Mr Tony Page, a Guildford Borough Tory councillor, said residents were concerned that the airfield was becoming a vulnerable development site.

## Plea to opt out of sex classes rejected

The Government yesterday rejected a Conservative MP's campaign for parents to be given the legal right to remove their children from sex education classes.

Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP for Leicester East, was told in a letter from Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State for Education: "If children are to be properly equipped to face the realities and responsibilities of the modern world, it is important that they should receive adequate sex education as part of their necessary preparation for adulthood."

"Many parents are reluctant or even unable to provide this fully at home. It is in the interest of the pupils that schools fill any gaps and complement and develop what parents may provide."

But Mr Bruinvels said he would defy the Government's request that he should withdraw his proposal, which he said would give parents the right to safeguard the family and instil "a decent sense of morality".

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The use of an aerosol deodorant spray may have contributed to the death of a youth, a coroner said yesterday.

Timothy Smedley, aged 17, a machine operator of Hallfield Drive, Belvedere, south London, was found dead in the bathroom of his home. Dr Peter Vanczis, a pathologist, told an inquest at Southwark that the cause of death was waterlogging of the lungs and inhalation of food particles. He believed an aerosol spray could have made the boy vomit if he felt unwell.

The youth's father said that his son had complained of aches and pains that day and a month previously had been ill with glandular fever.

Sir Jonathan Levine, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death. He said the youth may have been suffering from a viral illness and the spray may have contributed to his death.

## Remand for two on solvent sale charges

Two shopkeepers were remanded in custody for a week yesterday when they were charged with selling solvent to a boy aged 14 who died after inhaling and swallowing typewriter correction fluid.

Lee Kendall, of Hazel Way, Bermondsey, south London, collapsed in a park near his home on Friday of last week and died later in hospital.

Mr Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, and Mr Sureshbhai Patel, aged 23, who run a newsagency in Dunton Road, Southwark, are also charged with handling stolen goods and assault causing grievous bodily harm.

Mr Sureshbhai Patel is also charged with possessing an offensive weapon. An application for bail was refused by the magistrate, Mr Richard Rains, at Tower Bridge court.

## Boy of 12 gets a new heart

A boy aged 12 yesterday became the 172nd patient to undergo a heart transplant at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge.

The operation on Andrew Christopher Penn, of Larkswood Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire, which began at 2.05am, took four hours and was carried out by Mr Terence English.

## Third man on kidnap charge

A third man was remanded in custody yesterday charged with the kidnaping and robbing of Mr Jonathan Cox, an estate agent.

Peter Hewson, aged 33, of Green Side, Blisworth, Northamptonshire, was remanded in custody until next Thursday by magistrates at Chichester, Sussex.

## Artful dodge

Thieves walked into the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, took down two oil paintings and carried them out under their arms. The paintings, worth a total of £1,200, were by John Houston and Sir Thomas Lawrence, and dated 1785.

## Bird refuge

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has bought the 923-acre Invernauld estate, near Loch Lomond, as a nature reserve. It was once the scene of violent skirmishing between Rob Roy MacGregor and the Duke of Montrose.

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Nurses were also being discouraged from joining the service because of a lack of a career structure, exacerbated by the introduction of general management which had resulted in the loss of several senior posts, she said.

But the main problem in London was the high cost of housing. Where health service accommodation was not available near a hospital, nurses often had to rent rooms in outer London, which involved long travelling times, often late at night, and high transport costs, she said. "No nurse can afford to rent let alone buy property in inner London. The Government's policy to sell off NHS accommodation has made the problem even worse," she said.

London, weighting allowances of £887 a year, which hardly covered bus and taxi fares, should be raised substantially, she said.

She also called for the Government to halt its policy on health service accommodation and for provisions to be made to allow local authorities to provide nurses with council property or loans.

## 200 jobs lost

Nearly 200 workers are to lose their jobs with the closure of two factories in Gwent, South Wales. Dammac, the ratiocan manufacturer, shuts its Brynmawr factory in November, with the loss of 174 jobs, and another 15 jobs go with the collapse of All Terrain Vehicles, which makes four-wheel drive vehicles, at Blackwood.

## Postal code led to source of disease

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The source of one of Britain's most serious outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease was traced by the detective work of a hospital consultant, according to a report published yesterday.

Thirty-three people became ill and one died in the outbreak in Glasgow two years ago.

General practitioners in the city were asked to send samples taken from patients with respiratory conditions, to a hospital laboratory for tests. A consultant bacteriologist, who studied the samples, noticed that where the tests were positive patients had the same postal code.

That information helped an investigative team to focus its inquiries on part of the Dennistown area of the city. Most victims were found to live in the small area, and the source, a brewery cooling tower, was located within a few streets of their homes.

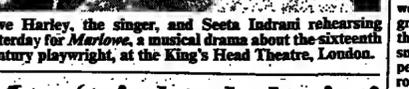
A study of wind direction and wind speeds in the area at the time of the outbreak was carried out to see if the bacteria were airborne. It was found that the victims lived or worked downwind from the cooling tower.

The tower was disinfected and there has been no recurrence of the disease.

Details of the investigation are published in a report in *The Lancet*.

The link was recognized by Dr Ronald Fallon, a consultant at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow.

Dr Daniel Reid, director of the communicable diseases unit at the hospital, said yesterday: "It would have taken much longer to identify the source, and probably more people would have become ill, if the importance of the postal code had not been quickly spotted."



Steve Harley, the singer, and Seeta Indrath rehearsing yesterday for *Marlowe*, a musical drama about the sixteenth century playwright, at the King's Head Theatre, London.

## Man 'tried to halt riot'

A man accused of being involved in fighting that was a "prelude" to last year's Handsworth riots told a court yesterday how he later tried to quell the disturbances.

Mr Nigel Heath, aged 32, who is accused of kicking one police officer off his motor cycle and attacking another with a smoocher cue, told Birmingham Crown Court he rejected a police plea for him to act as an informer.

He said he was released on the second day of the riots and gave a loudhailer with which he asked for peace.

He said he succeeded in getting police to reduce their presence in the riot area and managed to get most of the rioters off the streets.

Mr Heath, of Regent Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, has denied assaulting two police officers causing actual bodily harm, possessing an offensive weapon, and affray. The trial continues.

## Fish meals cut heart attacks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A diet which includes a regular meal of barbecued fish should reduce heart attacks and produce bigger babies. That conclusion could be drawn from the results of two preliminary studies published side-by-side in this week's issue of *The Lancet*.

One of them takes research into the benefits of eating fish a step further forward. Evidence has accumulated during the past 10 years to show that populations who rely on a high fish intake have a lower concentration of life-threatening fats in their blood.

Many of those investigations come from medical research teams in Scandinavia and the latest confirmation of the benefit comes in a paper by Swedish doctors, published this week in the *British Medical Journal*.

An additional insight about fish, or to be more precise, the effect of the polyunsaturated acids it contains, comes from doctors in the Faroe Islands and Copenhagen. The Faroes is one of the places investigated in one of the studies of the influence of a high proportion of fish in the diet on heart disease.

In addition to the improvement in the level of coronary attacks, Dr Sjurður Olsen and a colleague observed that a collection of babies in the Faroes was among the highest in the world. Compared with Denmark, the difference in weight on average was 230 grams (half a pound), and there was an accompanying small but clearly lengthening period in gestation among Faroese mothers.

The explanation suggested by the doctors was that a side-effect of the polyunsaturated fat was to slow down the production of the prostatic glandin hormones, which were involved in the timing of delivery.

Other research reported in *The Lancet* examined a group of people in whom dietary changes, such as increasing the amount of fish consumed, failed to lower the concentration of the low density cholesterol, with which the risk of heart disease was associated.

## Fewer police inside grounds

Young emphasized that it had not been called because of recent violence on cross-Channel ferries.

Mr Young said that the Poppewell report had highlighted the need for better evacuation procedures and contingency plans for grounds.

"We have now developed contingency plans for every ground in London and we have liaised closely with London Fire Brigade and the club stewards," he said.

Mr Croker was satisfied with the arrangements for the new season. Mr Young added: "As far as we are concerned in London, last season was a good season."

"Arrests were down 51 per cent and general behaviour was good. I would like to think that this season will be equally good, if not better."

Mr Young said that no new "Hoolivans" — a special transit vehicle used to observe hooligans — would be used

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Det Chief Supt Jack Reece, head of Sussex CID, who led the investigation into the IRA bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, during the 1984 Conservative Party conference, is retiring.

Sussex police announced yesterday that Mr Reece, aged 57, will retire on September 17 after 35 years with the police.

## Messages of support for sick jockey

Jonjo O'Neill, a former champion jockey diagnosed as having cancer of the lymph glands, has been inundated with messages of support at his home in Penrith, Cumbria.

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Mr Archer, a professional officer to the College's Association of Nursing Practice, blames London's high cost of living and the low morale in inner-city hospitals for the failure to attract nurses.

"The NHS has been hit by government policies. People within the NHS are feeling less buoyant about working in it. This lack of enthusiasm is now rebounding on potential recruits."

Nurses were also being discouraged from joining the service because of a lack of a career structure, exacerbated by the introduction of general management which had resulted in the loss of several senior posts, she said.

But the main problem in London was the high cost of housing. Where health service accommodation was not available near a hospital, nurses often had to rent rooms in outer London, which involved long travelling times, often late at night, and high transport costs, she said. "No nurse can afford to rent let alone buy property in inner London. The Government's policy to sell off NHS accommodation has made the problem even worse," she said.

London, weighting allowances of £887 a year, which hardly covered bus and taxi fares, should be raised substantially, she said.

She also called for the Government to halt its policy on health service accommodation and for provisions to be made to allow local authorities to provide nurses with council property or loans.

## 200 jobs lost

Nearly 200 workers are to lose their jobs with the closure of two factories in Gwent, South Wales. Dammac, the ratiocan manufacturer, shuts its Brynmawr factory in November, with the loss of 174 jobs, and another 15 jobs go with the collapse of All Terrain Vehicles, which makes four-wheel drive vehicles, at Blackwood.

## Breath-testing campaign nets 167 drivers

Almost 2,750 motorists have been breath-tested by Nottinghamshire police at the halfway mark of their month-long campaign against drink driving, it was announced yesterday.

Of the 2,746 tested, 167 or 6.1 per cent, have proved positive, 2 per cent below the yearly average. But of 415 drivers breath-tested after being involved in an accident, 9.4 per cent were positive, compared with the average 8.1 per cent.

The Automobile Association said yesterday that its engineers were reporting more and more cases of unscrupulous motor traders trying to "con" buyers with botched repair jobs.

A spokesman said: "One of the most dangerous practices is that known as 'cut and shut'." It is an unhappy marriage of two or more vehicles which have been involved in accidents.

He said Ford Fiesta XR2 with a potential top speed of 110mph was found recently to be the front half of one car welded inefficiently to the back half of another. Usually such cars were insurance

## MP's fight against car 'death-traps'

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

write-offs which had found their way back into the system. But the AA does not support the call for more police powers. It believes that the checks are best carried out by local trading standards officers who already have the necessary authority to inspect

# Nationwide protests urged as five shot in riots across Pakistan

Lahore (AP) — Riot police clashed with angry crowds across Pakistan for a second day yesterday, and five people were shot in a gun battle as opposition parties called for nationwide protests to topple the Government.

Opposition supporters fought with riot squads in southern Sindh province and in Karachi, and there were scattered disturbances in the North West Frontier Province.

Thousands of riot police were deployed in Lahore to prevent protests after street fighting on Thursday left at least four people dead.



Miss Benazir Bhutto being taken to a police station.

"We will tackle them and we will stop them if they try to march," a senior riot police commander said.

Five people, including two police officers, were shot in the southern town of Phatta when authorities used tear gas and baton charges on an opposition march. Both sides opened fire with guns and two of the injured were said to be in a critical condition, witnesses said.

Bands of protesters played cat-and-mouse with riot police in some parts of Karachi. Demonstrators attacked government buses, blocked streets with burning tyres, and hurled rocks and bricks at police, who responded with tear gas and baton charges.

An opposition crowd stormed a jail near Phatta and released 24 people who had been arrested earlier in government crackdowns on the Opposition that began on Wednesday with the arrests of about 500 anti-government leaders.

Crowds burned several government offices, as well as the jail in Phatta district, local journalists and other witnesses said.

# Israelis chalk up inflation victory

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Israel's consumer price index did not rise last month, for the first time in more than a decade, leaving the annual inflation rate steady at just over 15 per cent. The index has risen 24 per cent in the past 12 months.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, described the July figures, published yesterday, as "the best possible birthday present" for his Government's economic stabilization policy, introduced a year ago.

Mr Peres recalled that the index rise for July 1985 was a huge 27.5 per cent.

The Finance Minister, Mr Moshe Nissim, the Secretary-General of the Histadrut General Federation of Labour, Mr Israel Kessar, and the president of the Manufacturers' Association, Mr Dov Lautman, were similarly impressed with the performance.

Treasury economists cautioned, however, that the July index owed much to seasonal aberrations, including a sharp 3 per cent drop in its housing components, but expressed confidence nevertheless that inflation had stabilized at around an acceptable 15 to 16 per cent a year.

The index figures came after the publication in the press yesterday of a recent letter from Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, to Mr

Peres, in which he praised Israel's success in stabilizing the economy but called for a bold plan to stimulate growth. Mr Shultz said economic growth was "no less vital than safeguarding the security of the country or making peace with the Arabs".

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Mr Shultz pointed to the need for far-reaching reform of the tax system and capital market, and the need to sell off government-owned industries.

Both Mr Peres and Mr Nissim said yesterday that they supported Mr Shultz's recommendations.

Mr Nissim said he hoped to initiate a thorough reform of the capital markets this year, with tax reform to come, probably next year. He cautioned, however, that government expenditure would first have to be cut — something that several ministers are strongly resisting. It is scheduled for discussion at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

# NZ Navy to join exercise

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

British and New Zealand warships will take part next week in a naval exercise, despite differences over ships carrying nuclear weapons, the issue that caused Washington this week to suspend its obligations to New Zealand under the Anzus alliance.

The exercise will take place under the Five-Power Defence Arrangement, which links Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.

Code-named Starfish, it will involve two British frigates and an oil tanker of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. It is reported that New Zealand's forces will include two frigates and a P 3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft.

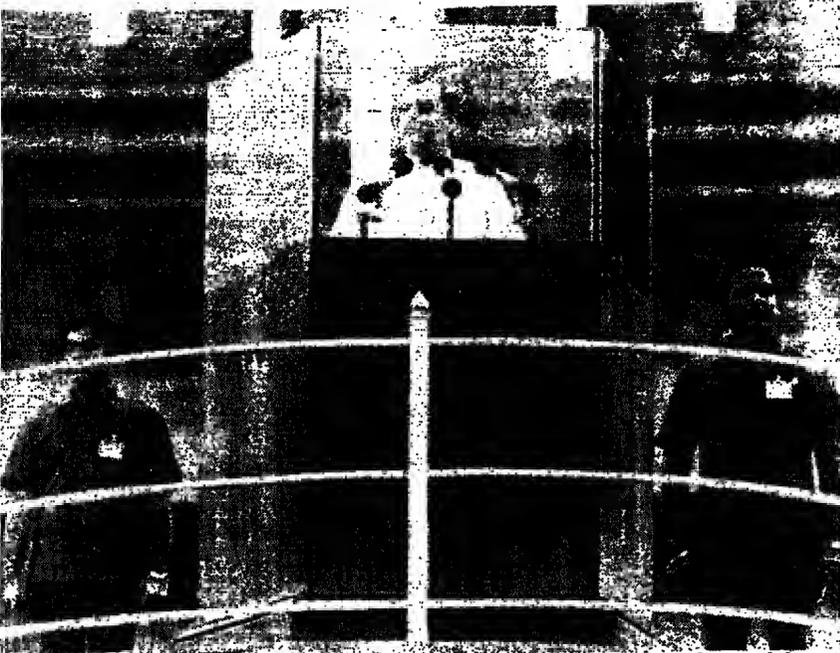
The Foreign Office said that, since Wellington had made clear it would not amend draft legislation ruling out visits to its ports by vessels that may be carrying nuclear weapons, Britain had made clear it would not be appropriate for Royal Navy ships to visit New Zealand ports or take part in joint exercises in its waters.

Britain was not prepared to compromise its policy of neither confirming nor denying that a warship was carrying nuclear weapons.

Starfish will take place in the South China Sea. The Ministry of Defence in London pointed out that since it was not a bilateral operation it would involve navies other than those of New Zealand and Britain.

The US stopped taking part in exercises with New Zealand early last year. It is also said that Starfish will be the largest exercise that New Zealand forces have been involved in since then.

A New Zealand defence source said taking part "is not just important, it's critical". It would help to ensure the continuing efficiency of the New Zealand Navy.



Mr Gandhi, flanked by armed guards, speaking at Delhi's Red Fort from behind three sheets of armoured glass.

# Clashing symbols in Delhi celebration

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The start to India's 40th year of independence from Britain was celebrated yesterday amid much symbolism.

The early morning ceremonies were held as usual on the ramparts of old Delhi's Red Fort, and from there Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the youthful Prime Minister, addressed the nation in a country-wide, live television broadcast.

Mr Gandhi spoke from atop the Lahore gate at the start of the road that led to the capital of Punjab, now the capital of Pakistan's most populous province.

There was a pointed contrast between yesterday's celebration of India's continuing democracy, however much under siege, and the turbulent authoritarian actions which marked Pakistan's anniversary the day before.

The Red Fort was built by the Mogul Emperor Shahjahan to provide a formidable and awesome spectacle to the citizens of Delhi; in much the same spirit William the Conqueror built the Tower of London to inspire fear in his Saxon subjects.

Yesterday's spectacle emphasized not so much the fear and respect that had to be instilled into the people, but, despite India's democratic credentials, the atmosphere of

fear which surrounds the Government.

In his little box he appeared dwarfed by the setting. As the sun broke through the monsoon clouds behind him, the glass floor, and he disappeared quite from view.

His voice was light and musical, a tone he appears to have adopted like a crooner to give maximum projection with minimum strain.

He spoke in chaste Hindi, though without translating such vogue phrases as "science and technology", and he twice confused the Hindi word for independence (*swatantrata*), calling it *Republik Day* (*ganatantra divas*) instead.

But what he had to say was serious and timely. Perhaps rashly he promised an end to the terrorism in Punjab "in a few months" by a combination of firm police action and political measures.

He promised a new 20-point programme to generate more employment opportunities and aimed to raise three-quarters of the population above the poverty line.

# UN calls on Britain to renew Falkland talks

New York (Reuters) — The UN Decolonization Committee has urged Argentina and Britain to resume negotiations to find a quick, peaceful solution to their sovereignty dispute over the Falkland Islands.

A resolution, sponsored by Chile, Cuba and Venezuela, noted with satisfaction that Argentina had reiterated its intention to comply with UN General Assembly resolutions on the matter.

It regretted that, despite this, implementation had not yet started.

Thursday night's vote was 20 in favour and none against, with abstentions by Fiji, Sierra Leone, Sweden and Trinidad and Tobago.

The vote was identical to one a year ago on a tougher resolution blaming Britain for refusing to enter negotiations on the issue, as called for by the General Assembly.

Last year's draft also noted with concern that the "militarization of the area" by

# Ex-junta general charged

From Lake Sagaris, Santiago

Forty members of Chile's navy, police, detective and air forces, including an ex-member of the governing military junta, General Gustavo Leigh, were indicted yesterday for crimes related to the disappearance of a group of political prisoners.

The indictment is the result of a two-year investigation and is a key exception to Chilean courts' usual indifference to these sorts of cases.

At the same time, the Army's director of intelligence denounced what he called a campaign to damage the prestige of Chile's armed forces.

Yesterday morning one newspaper, which tends to favour the military Government, carried on-the-street interviews revealing widespread scepticism about the Government's claim to have found an arms cache.

# Indonesian Army will soldier on in politics

Jakarta (Reuters) — Indonesia's armed forces chief yesterday brushed aside calls from the Army to withdraw from politics as President Suharto urged the country towards greater efficiency and sacrifice to revive its oil-dependent economy.

President Suharto said in an Independence Day speech to Parliament that Indonesia was bracing itself for "the worst possible situation" on oil prices, while working with other oil producers to push up the price of crude.

Indonesia, the world's fifth largest country with 165 million people, relies on oil and gas for 70 per cent of its foreign exchange revenue.

The oil slump has forced the President, who has ruled for 20 years, to make big cuts in the development budget, despite general elections just eight months away.

Public criticism of his military-backed rule has been voiced both by former army colleagues and students, who attacked Parliament as unrepresentative and demanded more open government.

In apparent response to critics of the Army's involvement in politics, the armed forces commander, General Benny Murdani, was quoted yesterday as saying the political participation of the military was one of the pillars of development and would not be abandoned.

He said in a speech quoted by the army newspaper *Harian AB* that the political role of the 280,000-strong armed forces was backed by the Constitution and the next generation of officers should not give it up.

Lieutenant-General Try Sutrisno, Indonesia's rising new army commander, said before his installation in June that the Government was not a military monopoly and future leaders would not necessarily come from the forces.

Most members of the Indonesian Cabinet are serving or retired military officers and the armed forces have 100 seats in the 460-member House of Representatives.

Speaking before President Suharto, the House Speaker, Mr Amirmachmud accepted growing criticism as a healthy sign of political development but lashed out at critics seeking to establish a Western-style liberal democracy.

Parliament has been accused by some groups of being weak and unable to stand up to the Government.

# Kabaka's son back again in Uganda

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

Prince Ronald Mutebi — the son of the late Kabaka (King) of Buganda, Sir Edward Mutesa, who died in exile in London in 1969 — has returned to Uganda where members of the country's largest tribe, the Baganda, are pressing for restoration of their ancient kingdom.

Buganda and the other traditional kingdoms of Bunyoro, Toro and Ankole were abolished in 1967 when Dr Milton Obote, then President, abrogated Uganda's independence constitution.

A year earlier, Sir Edward had fled into exile when Dr Obote's troops, led by General Idi Amin, attacked his palace.

Prince Mutebi, who established close relations with President Museveni before he took power in January, travelled by road from Nairobi, where he had been living for the past year, and was met by a presidential escort at the Ugandan border. He was then driven in a Mercedes Benz to his residence in Kampala.

Prince Mutebi is careful not to express his own views on the question of restoring the kingdoms, but considers he has a role to play as leader of the three million Baganda. This is his first return to the Ugandan capital since 1971.

# Church bells ring again in Peking

Peking (AP) — Church bells rang yesterday at the city's three Catholic cathedrals for the first time in 28 years and more than 6,000 people celebrated the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The church bells will be rung four times a year from now on — on Easter Sunday, the Pentecost, the Assumption of Mary and at Christmas, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, quoting Ying Mabao, deputy secretary-general of the Peking Patriotic Catholic Society.

Communist authorities ordered the bells silenced in 1958. Ying said she did not know whether Catholic church bells had rung recently in other Chinese cities.

The Chinese Catholic Church broke ties with the Roman Catholic Church in 1957 over the refusal of Jesuit-trained Catholic priests to support communist rule. Chinese Catholics do not officially recognize papal authority.

# Moi sees sabotage in banking crisis

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

A committee of ministers and financial experts is trying to find ways of reviving two banks and three financial institutions which have closed their doors here, leaving thousands of depositors unable to withdraw their funds.

But the banking crisis, which affects only a few of the new banks set up here in recent years, is now being linked to the political problems that are worrying President Daniel arap Moi.

On the face of it, there is little more to the banking crisis than a lack of experience by some of the Kenyans who have been attracted by double-figure interest rates to take advantage of the economic boom here.

But President Moi has now suggested that it was meant to sabotage the Kenyan economy — and his readiness to admit such a suggestion has caused surprise in financial circles here.

Kenya's mini-boom is brought about by a combination of high world prices for coffee, the country's main export, and low world prices for oil. Kenya has no oil, and the slashing of the import bill has transformed the economy, producing forecasts of the first balance of payments surplus for 20 years.

Serious though the banking crisis is, it does not affect

Kenya's external economy, and the financial situation remains strong, helped by steady tea prices and a steadily growing tourist industry.

Economic sanctions against South Africa will have only a marginal effect here as Kenya has had a complete embargo on all trade with South Africa for more than 20 years.

If air services now operating through Nairobi to South Africa are stopped, Nairobi airport will lose revenue but the effect will be small.

President Moi has ordered drastic action against those responsible for the bank failures here, and he says they will not be allowed to use the bankruptcy laws to save their own assets. Already Kenyans have been fascinated by press reports of former bank directors being stripped of their official Mercedes cars, and an assistant minister linked with one of the finance institutions has been dismissed.

In the case of the Continental Bank, which crashed early last month, the directors are alleged to have drawn large sums in loans, leaving the bank short of cover for its normal operations.

The Union Bank appears to have been partly a victim of a loss of confidence in the new "fringe" banks, which produced heavy demands on its liquidity.

There is nothing on the surface to link the financial crisis with President Moi's



President Moi faces left-wing challenge

political problems. Nearly 40 Kenyans have been jailed or detained for supporting a shadowy underground group calling itself "Mwakasya" and advocating the overthrow of the capitalist regime. Further arrests are still taking place in an effort to round up all those with any link to the group.

But the leftist movement appears to have been limited to a small group of intellectuals with its origin in the university here, and there is no sign of any mass support.

On a different level, President Moi has been active in resolving local squabbles within the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kau).

He recently paraded nine MPs in Kakamega, western Kenya, and made them shake hands. Reverberations are still being felt here from presidential statements earlier this year that foreign-owned businesses should give local Kenyans a controlling interest in their shareholdings. Efforts have been made to reassure existing businesses that they are not threatened, but Asian businessmen say they are still under pressure to hand over control to Kenyans.

Kenya owes much of its present prosperity to Asian business know-how, and the sad example of Uganda, where the country's economy collapsed after Idi Amin expelled Asians in 1972, has not been lost on Kenya.

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# US outraged at police torture of undercover drugs agent in Mexico

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration has expressed outrage at the interrogation and torture of an undercover United States drug enforcement agent by Mexican police, and Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, said the US was "not going to stand for this kind of conduct."

The White House said last night that the US was sending a protest note to the Mexican Government about the "unprovoked and totally unjustified detention and torture of one of its officials."

The incident has thrown a shadow over the recent visit here by President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico, and called into question Mexico's determination to stamp out drug corruption among its police and local government officials.

Mr Victor Cortez, working for the US Drug Enforcement Agency in Guadalajara, was picked up on Wednesday,

interrogated, beaten and tortured with a cattle prod.

Administration officials said it was clear the police knew whom they had, and wanted to find out how much the agent knew about drug-related corruption in the police.

Mr Meese took up the incident with Señor García Ramírez, the Mexican Justice Minister, on Thursday during President de la Madrid's visit. Señor Ramírez promised to prosecute whoever was responsible. The US regards such a prosecution as a test of Mexican good faith.

In recent weeks, US officials have complained of widespread drug corruption in Mexico. Last year another US agent was beaten and then killed by Mexican drug traffickers in collusion with the police at Guadalajara. Some of those involved in the killing are still at large.

In an attempt to prevent the incident souring what was otherwise a successful visit by the Mexican leader, Mr Meese said the Mexicans had been vigorous in trying to root out corruption.

"The authorities have removed from office many police officials, many prosecutors, many judges; they have arrested others; they are prosecuting a number of people down there. So we are very hopeful that the co-operation we have been pledged will be a reality," Mr Meese said. But he still called the incident "most serious and very disturbing".

Mexican officials said Mr Cortez was detained for two hours while he was identified. They denied he was beaten.

Meanwhile, Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the foreign affairs sub-committee on the Western Hemisphere, has renewed his sharp attacks on Mexico which did much to sour relations with the US three months ago.

# Academics protest at Pretoria restrictions

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

General assemblies were held at the Universities of the Witwatersrand, Cape Town and Natal, South Africa's three main English-language universities, yesterday to protest against the state of emergency and the detention of staff and students.

A statement endorsed by the vice-chancellors of all three universities, as well as by their counterparts at Rhodes University in Grahamstown and the University of the Western Cape, the main institute of higher education for mixed-race Coloureds, was read out to the assemblies.

In one of the strongest criticisms of government action to come out of the universities, the vice-chancellors called on Pretoria to end the state of emergency, to release or charge detainees and to lift restrictions on the free flow of information.

South Africa's universities were prevented by the state of emergency from carrying out their proper functions, the vice-chancellors declared, saying that they were "deeply concerned that the principles of justice have been subverted".

The crisis had been caused, the statement said, by "delay in extending basic political and civil rights to the majority of the population", which had led to an escalation of violence centred on black schools and education.

"Pupils in large numbers have been detained, and registration recently announced by the Department of Education and Training have had a profoundly negative effect on schools which feed our universities," the statement said.

This was a reference to a new vetting procedure under which only school-pupils issued with identity cards are allowed on school premises. In this way an estimated 300,000 black schoolchildren have been shut out of classes until the start of the next school year.

Meanwhile, City Press, a newspaper read mainly by blacks in the Johannesburg area, reported that about 60 people detained under the emergency regulations had gone on a "hunger strike" at the Modderbee prison near Benoni, an industrial suburb of Johannesburg.

Heardings suspended: The hearing of applications for the release of people detained under South Africa's state of emergency has been generally suspended while courts across the country await a constitutional ruling on the lawfulness of such detentions from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein.

Within four days, two courts of equal weight in Natal have taken diametrically opposed views on the legality of emergency regulations providing for the summary arrest and detention of persons by any member of the security forces.

On Monday a full three-judge bench of the Durban and Coast local division of the Supreme Court ruled that President Botha had exceeded the powers given him by Parliament in issuing the two regulations. On Thursday, a full bench of the Natal provincial division of the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg took the opposite view.

# Deathbed suit faces cigarette companies

Melbourne (Reuters) - Mrs Ruth Scanlon, aged 38, now dying of lung cancer, who is suing two cigarette companies for unspecified damages, is to present evidence at an urgent hospital bedside hearing on Monday, the Victorian State Supreme Court ruled.

Rothmans of Pall Mall Ltd and the American Cigarette Company (Overseas) Ltd had asked the court for a two-week adjournment.

Mrs Scanlon, who claims the companies negligently marketed a dangerous product and failed to warn of dangers associated with smoking, is expected to die within months.

Legal sources said they believed it was the first case of its kind in Australia.

# UN appeal for Angola airlift

Abidjan (Reuters) - The United Nations has appealed to the international community to fund an emergency airlift of food to central Angola.

Some 6,000 tonnes of perishable food stocks, including powdered milk, vegetable oil, flour and biscuits, need to be transported urgently from the port of Lobito to the Central Plateau, 1,000 tonnes of it by air.

# Tribesmen's revenge

Manila - Eight more people, including five children, have been killed by knife-wielding natives in a continuing tribal war against Christian settlers in a remote region of the southern Philippines (Keith Dalton writes).

Warring Ata tribesmen armed with bows and arrows, knives and guns, have now killed 13 people - two of them infants - in a month-long spate of killing to avenge the July 16 murder of eight members of their tribe.

# Super saver

Auckland (AP) - A 14-year-old schoolboy fooled a savings bank into crediting his account with the equivalent of \$500,000 by depositing a candy wrapper instead of money into an automatic teller, which credited his \$20 account with the cash.

# Bare fine

Sydney (AP) - Francesca d'Espinoza, aged 43, who unzipped her jumpsuit and bared her breasts at the Queen outside the Sydney Opera House during the royal visit in March, has been fined £40 for offensive behaviour.

# Kurds bombed

Ankara (Reuters) - Turkish warplanes bombed Kurdish rebel hideouts in Iraq, four days after 12 Turkish soldiers were killed near the border.

# Jet crash

Angles City, Philippines (AP) - A Philippine F5 jet fighter crashed yesterday into a residential area near the Clark air base, killing the pilot and two people on the ground.

# Fund for needy

Vienna (Reuters) - President Waldheim has opened a fund to distribute his United Nations pension to needy Austrians.

# Plane crash

Tequigalpa (Reuters) - Fifty Honduran soldiers and civilians were feared dead after a Hercules C130 transport plane crashed 180 miles north-east of the capital.

# Gabor's eighth

Los Angeles (Reuters) - The Hungarian-born actress Zsa Zsa Gabor married her eighth husband, Prince Frederic von Anhalt of Munich, the Duke of Saxony. He is at least 10 years her junior.

# Gambia aid

Banjul (Reuters) - The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has granted Gambia £16,700 to combat drought.

# Filial love

Tustin, California (UPI) - A 13-year-old girl, motivated by a church drug abuse lecture, walked into a police station with an ounce of cocaine that allegedly belonged to her parents and had them arrested.

# Fed up

Peking (Reuters) - Six Communist Party officials in Shaanxi province have been disciplined for feasting at public expense on an inspection tour of a poverty-stricken area, and ordered to pay for their feast.

# Snakes alight

Gainesville, Florida (AP) - A 4ft pine snake that swallowed two 15-watt light bulbs three times the size of its head, has undergone surgery to have the bulbs removed.



Senator Edward Kennedy chatting with President Reagan, seated next to Mrs Elizabeth Dole, the Secretary for Transportation, at a White House picnic for members of Congress.

# Costa Rica expulsion threat over aid to Contra rebels

From Martha Honey, San José

Costa Rica would expel any foreigner helping the Nicaraguan rebels despite the new US aid, President Arias said yesterday.

The hardline stance contrasts with Costa Rica's own dependence on the US. After Israel, Costa Rica is the largest per capita recipient of US economic assistance.

Dr Arias said his government would enforce its policy of neutrality and crack down on Contras, foreigners, and Costa Ricans involved in waging war against neighbouring Nicaragua.

As the US Senate approved \$100 million in aid to the Contras, Dr Arias said: "Costa Rica is going to be neutral. We won't be complacent with anyone who wants to use our territory to fight the Nicaraguan Government."

"We are going to throw out (of office) civil servants, no matter how humble or how important, if we catch them aiding the Contras."

Two high-ranking immigration officials were sacked recently for concealing Contra operations here.

He said he had ordered that all foreigners involved with the Nicaraguan rebels be expelled.

He confirmed that a Cuban

American, Armando López Estrada, was deported last week because he admitted he had been hired "by the Reagan Administration" to train Contras in Costa Rica.

Costa Rican security officials say they are searching for several other foreigners known to be working with the Contras.

Dr Arias, a British-educated political scientist and lawyer who took office in May, has annoyed officials in Washington by his firm stand against military aid to the Contras.

His latest remarks are likely to further antagonize Reagan Administration officials and Contra leaders who have announced they intend to use some of the new Contra aid to help expand the war's "southern front" along the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan border.

Costa Rica has no Army and maintains a policy of neutrality in external conflicts. It has welcomed political exiles and refugees from throughout Latin America, but officially prohibits armed guerrillas from using its territory.

Dr Arias said: "I have never been in favour of war in Nicaragua because of the consequences for my country. My election promises were for more housing, more jobs, increased investment, and to maintain our peace. All these objectives are incompatible with war in Nicaragua."

# Protest to Zambia on treatment of tourists

Bern (Reuters) - Switzerland yesterday said it had strongly protested to the Zambian Foreign Ministry over the alleged beating and sexual abuse of five Swiss tourists freed this week after more than two weeks in prison.

The Swiss Ambassador in neighbouring Zimbabwe had also protested over the refusal to allow the five to contact the Austrian Embassy in Lusaka, which looks after Swiss interests in Zambia, a Foreign Ministry statement said.

The tourists, arrested with

an Austrian woman on July 24 on charges of spying for South Africa, were among more than a dozen foreigners allegedly maltreated by Zambian police in recent months.

One of the five, Mr Heinz Tanner, spoke in a television interview shown last night of brutal treatment meted out by guards in their northern Zambian prison. "Every one of us was beaten. We were kicked in the kidney and the stomach. We were hit over the head with boards. Every one of us was sexually abused," he said.

# Amal wins inquiry into deaths

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The Shia Muslim Amal militia have got the United Nations investigation they demanded into last Monday's shooting incident in southern Lebanon, in which a French UN soldier killed two Amal officials.

The official inquiry was the price Amal demanded for a ceasefire in the subsequent battles, in which 18 French troops were wounded and two more Amal men killed.

According to the UN, which does not acknowledge that the inquiry is part of a deal with Amal, a three-man UN team consisting of officers from Ireland, Sweden and Finland - has already begun investigations into the shooting and will send a report to Major-General Gustav Haggblad, the UN force commander.

A UN board of inquiry will then hold a further investigation. Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, has meanwhile sent a senior UN official to the UN headquarters at Naqoura in southern Lebanon to prevent any repetition of this week's incidents.

Meanwhile, it was confirmed in Beirut yesterday that a UN helicopter was shot at by US Embassy guards in east Beirut a week ago after they failed to recognize its markings.

# Wellington to ease law on immigration

Wellington (Reuters) - New Zealand will admit immigrants regardless of their nationality under legislation introduced in Parliament.

The system which gave preference to people from "traditional source" countries such as Britain would be abolished, the Immigration Minister, Mr Kerry Burke, said.

The legislation sought to attract successful self-employed business people and entrepreneurs.

Rules on family reunification would be relaxed, but immigrants would need to have a job and enough money to buy a house without government help.

# Voyage of love fails

Bangkok (Reuters) - American adventurer Mr Robert Schwab (right) said yesterday that his dramatic solo sea voyage seeking a reunion with the Vietnamese woman he loved was doomed almost from the start.

"It was a failure, I'm sorry to say," Mr Schwab told a news conference two days after his release from more than a year in solitary confinement in Vietnamese jails. "Everything went wrong except the sailing."

Mr Schwab, aged 44, never saw the woman he fell in love with 14 years ago in a coffee shop in central Vietnam and last saw just before North Vietnamese troops entered Saigon in 1975.

Mr Schwab set out in a small sailing boat from the



Philippines on April 10, 1985. After 13 days' sailing, he was arrested for illegally entering the waters of Vietnam's central Nghia Binh province. Vietnamese interrogators focused on whether the former US Army private, once attached to the Green Berets, was a spy, he said.

# Go-ahead expected for shuttle

From Mohsin Ali Washington

President Reagan is expected to announce in his weekly radio address today that he will give the go-ahead for a new shuttle orbiter to replace the lost Challenger.

The White House has been saying for more than a week that a formal announcement is due soon. Mr Reagan, who has often said publicly that he favours a new shuttle, told journalists on Thursday to "wait until Saturday".

There has been a long debate within the Administration on the future of the space programme since Challenger exploded, 5000 feet blast-off on January 28, killing its crew of seven.

Nasa hopes to restart flights of its three remaining shuttles in about mid-1987.

A fourth orbiter would cost about \$2.8 billion (£1.8 billion). It would be financed initially with money saved from the cancellation of shuttle flights this year, postponement or cancellation of some space agency science projects and a slow-down in spending on the planned space station project, according to informed sources. About \$200 million would be spent in the first instance.

There is strong opposition in Congress to taking the construction money out of Nasa's budget, which is \$7.3 billion this year.

The new orbiter would probably not be ready to fly until early in the 1990s. It is likely to be based at Vandenberg air force base in California and used by the Pentagon for launching military communications satellites.

The President is also reported to have decided in favour of a plan to encourage private industry to launch some commercial satellites that were to be launched by Nasa.

The Challenger disaster produced a backlog of commercial and military satellites awaiting launch.

# Ottawa rethinking asylum policy Sri Lankan influx worries Canada

From John Best, Montreal

The sudden appearance of 155 Sri Lankan boat people off Canada's east coast this week has triggered an outpouring of public concern over the adequacy of Canadian procedures for dealing with unexpected influxes of refugees.

The episode has been front-page news in Canadian papers all week, and has inspired anxious questions on whether the Government set an unfortunate precedent in allowing them to stay.

The Government, whose only concern at first appeared to be the safety and comfort of the newcomers, did a quick double-take when the magnitude of the public reaction became apparent.

Mr Benoit Bouchard, the Minister of Immigration, who first announced the Government's intention to give the boat people asylum for at least one year - allowing them to seek work here - said there was "only concern that other boatloads of people would seek haven in Canada."

"If we have more and more of this kind of situation we have to make a move, a review of policy," he said. "I am really worried about this question because Canadians are as concerned with security as they are with hospitality."

Mr Bouchard's comments came after a lengthy Cabinet

meeting. He insisted that he had no choice but to admit the Sri Lankan Tamils, since Canadian policy is not to deport refugees back to countries caught up in civil strife, where their lives may be endangered.

However, if the Tamils came via West Germany, as widely suspected, instead of direct from the Indian sub-continent as they claimed, their welcome in Canada may be short-lived. Canadian policy does not apply to people who have already been admitted as refugees to other Western countries.

The Toronto Star reflected the public mood when it asked: "Are these newcomers genuine Tamil refugees from strife-torn Sri Lanka, as they claim? Or did they come instead from West Germany, to perpetrate a fraud on Canada, one of the few nations that guarantees every would-be refugee the legal right to be heard?"

What ship's captain, the newspaper asked, would cast the Sri Lankans adrift in the Atlantic, "leaving them to such an uncertain fate?"

The Government did the right thing in allowing them to stay, at least for a while. Nevertheless, MPs now had 155 more reasons "to give high priority to effective refugee controls".

Within four days, two courts of equal weight in Natal have taken diametrically opposed views on the legality of emergency regulations providing for the summary arrest and detention of persons by any member of the security forces.

On Monday a full three-judge bench of the Durban and Coast local division of the Supreme Court ruled that President Botha had exceeded the powers given him by Parliament in issuing the two regulations. On Thursday, a full bench of the Natal provincial division of the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg took the opposite view.

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# Tamils in peace talks

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

President Jayewardene began talks in Colombo with the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front yesterday amid optimism that an accord will emerge giving more autonomy to the minority Tamils.

President Jayewardene has cancelled his planned visit to Zimbabwe to participate in the eighth non-aligned summit conference next month because of his keenness to reach an agreement on the latest peace package, government sources said.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister will now represent Sri Lanka at the summit.

# Washington view

## 'Bash Helms' lobby grows

His face is set in smug, obstinate determination as he savages his growing list of enemies - liberals, the press, State Department and Treasury officials, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Arabs, Mexicans, Panama, China, most of his colleagues and even the current Administration.

A curiously glib loner, Senator Jesse Helms takes a perverse delight in being the naysayer: holding off the appointment of ambassadors, obstructing Senate compromises, voting against the anti-IRA extradition treaty, pressing the hardest of hard lines in denouncing communism.

But now the standard-bearer for the New Right may have gone too far. His recent visit to Chile after the alleged burning of a young US resident by Chilean soldiers, during which he denounced the American Ambassador, American policy and American opposition to President Pinochet, has set in train an avalanche that may yet overwhelm the senior senator from North Carolina.

Stung by charges that he or his assistants leaked US intelligence information to the Chileans, Mr Helms has hit back so unrestrainedly that even his friends on the right are beginning to distance themselves from him.

After alleging that the CIA may be spying on him, Mr Helms blocked Senate action on the intelligence agency spending Bill. And he insists that the State Department is co-ordinating a plot to "get" him. The FBI investigations

of Mr Helms's staff meanwhile continue.

The Chile affair is by no means the first time that Mr Helms has embarrassed the Administration. His bullying and stalling in Senate committees or on important votes has forced Mr Reagan into awkward corners and wrung reluctant concessions on such issues as abortion and school prayers. But because he has long had the powerful support of the New Right ideologues who give important backing to



# Amazing Grace takes her farewell salute

America's oldest active military officer, 79-year-old Rear-Admiral Grace Hopper, above, takes a farewell salute as she and Mr John Lehman, the US Navy Secretary, leave a ceremony marking her retirement.

Rear-Admiral Hopper, the last US officer to be commissioned in the Second World War, took her leave from the US Navy on Thursday at a ceremony on board the USS Constitution docked in Boston (Michael Binyon writes).

Known throughout the Navy as Amazing Grace, the computer expert who helped invent the computer language Cobol,

became the oldest serving officer after the retirement of the late Admiral Hyman Rickover, the father of the nuclear Navy, in 1982.

Having been kept on active service with yearly extensions, Rear-Admiral Hopper said she regretted leaving the Navy, whose reserve forces she joined the day after D-Day in 1944. Mr Lehman, however, denied reports that she had been forced to retire.

A former Navy pilot himself, the Navy Secretary awarded her the Pentagon's highest military honor, the Defence Distinguished Service Medal.

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Alan Hamilton explores Victoria's great love affair with Scotland and its consequences

# The heart that made the Highlands

While staying at Balmoral in 1870, Queen Victoria was stirred to a fury when she found that some of her servants were wearing trousers. She thought knickerbockers most unbecoming, and issued a stern memorandum instructing that all her keepers and gillies should wear the kilt, and that trousers were only to be permitted in cases of illness or deerskining.

The Queen's love affair with Highlanders and all things Highland was a romantic passion of great intensity and long standing, fired on her first visit to Scotland with Prince Albert in 1842 and undimmed in her old age. She said, on her first visit to Balmoral: "I like talking to the people here; they are so simple and straightforward, and I like their curious Highland English."

As soon as they acquired a house in Scotland in 1848, Victoria and Albert set about collecting views of their "truly princely and romantic little kingdom". Within 20 years the Queen had amassed nine thick volumes filled with 600 watercolours, including over 100 views of Scotland, which still repose in the Royal Library at Windsor. Victoria, no mean artist herself after childhood tuition by Edward Lear and others, regularly invited painters—Sir Edwin Landseer and Carl Haag among them—to join her at Balmoral in the summer for the purpose of recording her Highland idyll.

In 1865 the Queen was introduced to Kenneth Mackay, a talented Scottish miniaturist whose portraiture business had, with the emergence of photography, fallen on hard times. She at once commissioned him to execute a series of exquisitely detailed watercolours of her Balmoral retainers in full Highland rig.

Mackay clearly understood his commission well, for he produced a series of highly romanticized portraits of fashion-plate smartness that accorded perfectly with his patron's roseate view of her northern kingdom. The paintings, having lain unseen in the Royal archives since their first limited publication in 1870, have now been reissued as a book, and a public exhibition of the originals in Scotland is being considered.

Victoria thought there was no race like the Highlanders, "these dear, good, superior



Victoria in tartan, 1854, and two of the retainers painted by Mackay

people whom I miss dreadfully elsewhere. Shrewd, clever, noble, very independent and proud in their bearing—always answering you and speaking openly, and strictly the truth, with great freedom, but ever respectful".

She was generous to the poorer tenants of the estate, giving them shoes, fuel and educational bursaries. But Balmoral was an unreal oasis in a country where the effects of the Highland clearances were still driving thousands into poverty and emigration. No matter, and no matter either that the Highland dress she so admired was of the most spurious historical provenance.

Victoria and Albert are popularly credited with being the founding patrons of the Scottish tourist industry, but that is not so. The true inventor of the Scottish myth must be Sir Walter Scott, the finest public relations man that Britain's Gaelic fringe ever had. Scott's finest hour was the state visit to Edinburgh of King George IV in 1822, which the romantic novelist masterminded and which was seen at the time as London's final forgiveness for the Jacobite rising of 1745, when the Stuarts made their last hopeless effort to wrest the British throne back from the Germans.

The Scots, who to this day are adept at being craven when self-interest is at stake, descended in force to see the Hanoverian disembark at Leith and besport himself around his northern capital clad in the kilt and pink silk tights. One-seventh of the Scottish population was said to have been present at his arrival.

His impending visit had stirred the remaining rump of the feudal clan system and the new southern landlords—who had moved in sheep where once there were people—to a frenzy of Scottishness, and a desperate search for spurious roots. It was an entirely upper-class or middle-class preoccupation, which did not touch the real peasantry. Landlords wrote off to Wilsons, the great weaving mill at Bannockburn, near Stirling, for their pattern book which advertised varieties of traditional Scottish tweed, and ordered designs which took their fancy and were very quickly given the dubious authority of official clan tartan.

Never was the short kilt, or filibeg, the everyday dress of the mountain men who scraped an existence in the Highlands and wrapped themselves against the hostile air in a long, untailored plaid. The kilt is said to have been invented by an Englishman who

ran a mid-18th century factory at Inverness, and who found that his workers' long plaids got in the way of their work.

Indeed the kilt, along with all things Scottish, was a proscribed garment after the '45, when the English raped and butchered the old clan system, and polite London society referred to the northern kingdom as "North Britain". The act was repealed only in 1782, with the result that two generations of Victoria's beloved Highlanders barely knew what a kilt was.

Such historical considerations troubled Victoria nary a whit. Indeed, when she attended her first church service at Craithie Church, near the gates of Balmoral, she thought it a great pity that the villagers were not all in kilts. She had, after all, dressed her own children in Scotch bonnets and tartan from an early age.

Before Scott did his bit for Scottish tourism, there were few real authenticated tartans in existence, beyond the Black Watch and the Royal Stewart. Victoria and Albert designed their own Balmoral tartan—still worn, with minor variations, by the Royal Family today. It is essentially the Royal Stewart with the red background replaced by grey, and it approximates closely to the lining of a Burberry raincoat.

Victoria's love of things Highland was no doubt reinforced by her relationship with John Brown, who is depicted in the watercolours posing outside Osborne on the Isle of Wight, a very long way from his native heath. It would be quite wrong, however, to suggest that Brown was the fount of the Queen's Highland love-affair, for he long predated him.

Albert loved Scotland because it reminded him of Thuringia. Victoria loved it because Albert did but also because, Hanoverian though she was, she was genuinely proud of her Stuart ancestors. She was also, it must be remembered, a woman with little experience of foreign travel, in whom Scotland struck a heartfelt delight. Kenneth Mackay's watercolours did nothing to break the spell.

The Highlanders of Scotland, to be published on Wednesday by Haggerston Press, 38 Kensington Place, London (E30).

Gavin Stamp

# This gift horse rightly refused

In 1888 that manic builder and extraordinary patron of the arts, the Third Marquess of Bute, took a lease on St John's Lodge from the Crown. "Regent's Park", he wrote, "is a terra incognita to a great many Londoners; and there is perhaps a certain piquancy about a place which almost simulates to be a country house and yet is only a shilling cab-fare from Piccadilly Circus."

Recently, however, the house has emerged from its obscurity and has become the subject of a furious planning row since Fred Koch, the American millionaire, peevishly abandoned his project to convert it into a museum. Last week Lord Perth, a former Crown Estate Commissioner, delivered a broadside on the subject on this page, arguing that "a drastic revision of planning procedures is vital if benevolent intention towards Britain is not again to be frustrated by procedure, abuse and misrepresentation by preservationists". I entirely disagree.

Lord Perth omitted to mention what it was about Koch's proposals which our statutory planning authorities found so objectionable. When Bedford College vacated St John's Lodge in 1983, the Crown Estate commissioned a survey which emphasized the historical interest of the building. The original Regency villa had been added to—by Decimus Burton, by Charles Barry and by Lord Bute and his architect, R.W. Schultz—and so illustrated changing interpretations of Classicism throughout the 19th century. Its interior, once carefully restored, would have made an ideal authentic setting for a collection of Victorian art like Koch's.

Unfortunately, Koch had other ideas. His American architect ignored the Crown's report and proposed a wholesale reconstruction of the interior, involving the destruction of much of the original fabric. To make matters worse, Koch also chose as his English consultant an architect who is an avowed enemy of conservation.

Lord Perth considers that "St John's Lodge is not a great building"; others, possibly more knowledgeable, disagree and when Koch's plans were unveiled in February 1985 both the statutory planning authorities and the amenity societies expressed concern at so cavalier a treatment of a listed building. They were assured, however, by Koch's architects and trustees, that compromise was possible.

What was extraordinary was that, when a formal planning

application was made in February of this year, the scheme was even more destructive than originally proposed. All of Lord Bute's work—which one might have thought that Koch would respect—was to go and the rooms by Burton were to be mutilated. The central hall was to be coated in marble, so preventing the restoration of H.W. Lansdale's murals, and a new staircase installed which was not a reconstruction of the original



The Lodge: best left alone

elegant one by Raffield and which was so inept as a design that it required the truncation of the original Regency rooms of the villa. It was these proposals that the planning authorities found utterly unacceptable. The London Committee of English Heritage deserves no censure but praise for fulfilling its statutory duties responsibly, despite the pressures put on it by those with an interest in encouraging Koch's project.

What we had with St John's Lodge was a conflict between the American and British ways of converting an historic building into a museum. It is the British way to conserve and restore as much of the original fabric as is reasonably possible; that is why historic buildings are listed and thus protected. That Koch might have spent millions of dollars on the house is irrelevant to this paramount and proper concern.

What is, however, relevant is that the drawings submitted by Koch's architects were inadequate in terms of information and detail, and so could not be the basis of statutory listed building consent. Details do matter.

Lord Perth reproves us for looking a gift horse in the mouth, but it is proper that we should. We should remember how, in 1850, the new Diocese of St Albans granted Lord Grimthorpe a faculty to restore the Cathedral himself, entirely because he had a fortune to spend on it. The result was an architectural, antiquarian and cultural disaster which has met with universal condemnation.

Philip Howard

# Down, doggie doubters

We are letting the jungle back into our cities. The anti-dog, environmentalist, fanatics quote some horrifying statistics about a thousand tons of canine excrement a million gallons of canine urine deposited on the streets of London every day, or some such figures. They have the advantage of most statistics touted by the pollsters that they are quite unsusceptible of proof either way, and can be replaced tomorrow by newer Band-aids to grab an odd headline.

Apart from the dogs, foxes scavenge the dustbins of Highgate and Surbiton; hedgehogs have appeared in the gardens of Notting Hill Gate; a swarm of bees has colonized my tin-box; there are warrens of rabbits in Kensington Gardens, including a bevy of black cones in the bushes of the Flower Walk; and in the winter strange long-distance sea-birds take refuge on the Round Pond, putting to shame the local pigeons, those urban layabouts in their shabby grey suits. But the wildest animals in the park are still the early-morning joggers, including the editor of the new Independent, puffing, grunting, and polluting the pleasant landscape.

The latest surprising incursion of the jungle into the big city happened recently to Aunt Alice, while she was sitting watching the television and minding her own business in her flat, in South Kensington. There was a sudden flurry from under the sofa, and something brownish with a longish tail darted out and disappeared under the chaise-longue. Lucy, Alice's ill-natured, long-haired dachshund, had hysterics. The man from the RSPCA was summoned with his butterfly net, mad-dog pinners, and other gear. And after two hours of chase and several bitten fingers he caught a chipmunk.

It is improbable that chatters of chipmunks are colonizing the golden domes and minarets of SW7. The man from the RSPCA says that what happens is that some sopping, Walt Disney-loving Brit goes to the pet shop and spends large sums on an exotic pet, gets it home, and finds it impossible to live with. The pet shop will not take it back. He is too squeamish to throttle it or drown it in a saucisson. So he takes it furtively and puts it through the letter-box of some unsuspecting citizen to bristk her up when she is watching the telly.

The same cowardly abandonment happens regularly after Christmas, when puppies are marooned to take their chance on motorways by idiots who have just discovered that pet animals

are almost as difficult to live with as the human sort.

You could argue that humans living in cities should be prohibited from, or at any rate taxed heavily for, keeping household pets. And I agree that canine excrement is a nasty thing to step into. But I do not think you can stop humans living with other little animals for companionship. You do not have to go the whole hog with the Jungian codswallop about atavistic archetypes to believe that it is natural and healthy to have an animal around the house. From the cave paintings to Egyptian funerary furniture, you can see that we have been doing it since the beginning of houses. Our medieval tombs suggest that fiddle



Chris Wormell

dogs and cats slept at the foot of the bed in those days. Many of the primitive gods, from Anubis to the Australian Dream Time were theriomorphic. Juno had her peacock, and Mars his woodpecker. Today patients at Broadmoor are encouraged to keep budgies as therapy.

If you divide mankind between cat people and dog people, I am a cat person, who, by the little accidents of life, lives with dogs. The junior beagle died, before her time; so there is no longer a Notting Hill pack of beagles. They are lovely little hounds, but should not live in cities. I now have a Jack Russell bitch called Heather. That might sound like 90 per cent of mouth and bark and bad temper. But she comes from sensitive parents: so a shepherd's croft in darkest Dumfriesshire, and is the next best thing to a cat. In the first novel of Western literature, the old dog, flea-bitten and abandoned on the midden, recognizes his master after 20 years' absence, puts his ears back, wags his tail, and dies. It may be impractical and unhygienic. But one ought to have another animal about the house, in addition to the humans.

## SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

### Gers rule, ya?

A bunch of butch Scottish footballers are getting extremely worried in case they get mistaken for pretty girls called Caroline who cycle around London in Barbour jackets. *Harpers & Queen* magazine is trying to register "Sloane Ranger" as a trade mark. The magazine coined the phrase, and though it has become part of the language the people there want to keep it in the family. But they have met strong opposition to this move from, yes, Rangers football club in Glasgow. The club feels their lads could easily be confused with Sloanes. I personally feel they are in error on this point.

### Good sports

Richmond, in Surrey, can lay claim to being the most dashing progressive rugby club in the country. For a start, throughout the summer it has allowed its sacred turf to be stripped with American football markings, as it plays host to London Ravens, England's top gridiron side. (The Ravens regularly pluck crowds of 2,000, which Richmond itself doesn't do every day.) The club has a strong Japanese contingent, so it is possible that the London Japanese rugby team could become Richmond Japanese. And this season the club will start its own ladies section: Finchley, the top women's team, had problems with facilities in north London and moved south to join Richmond as full members, and play in Richmond colours. Richmond's male players broke yet more new ground with a close-season tour of Brazil and Paraguay. All the club has to do to complete this series of journeys into the unknown is to win a few matches.

### Does nicely

The British boys are already one up on the Americans in the battle for America's Cup supremacy. The men from New York Yacht Club, true to their national heritage, have set up "charge accounts" all over Perth. The British have discovered that if you walk into a shop and speak with a credible American accent you can get everything put down on the NYCC account. At a local video rental shop, not only have the Americans coughed up the British hire fees, but paid the British fines as well.

### Horseplay

A routine race meeting at Folkestone this week was enlivened by the disappearance of two horses. One, Nelson's Lady, dumped her jockey on the way to the start and spent a pleasant time strolling through a corn field before she was caught. The second, Kim's Ticket, embarrassed himself of his jockey behind the stalls, and was later recovered in a cemetery three miles away. It revived memories of a horse whose antics at the start were so impressive that he was warned off and will be forever remembered as "the biggest thief ever seen on a racecourse". The horse hated racing so much that when he was taken to the start, he would throw himself to the ground, lie down, and refuse to get up until the race had started without him.

### Water baby

A 33-year-old multi-millionaire is rapidly winning herself a reputation as the greatest eccentric in yachting. Last week Elizabeth Meyer, of a publishing and banking family from the east coast of America, relaunched a boat, a hulk that once changed hands for £10 and whose steel frame and plating were said to be "like lacework". The boat, Endeavour, was one of the magnificent follies of the J-Class, 130 beautiful monsters of the Thirties that no one could afford to race today. The refurbishments to the boat have been so complete that one is reminded of the man who had his grandfather's axe: "My father bought a new handle and I bought a new blade." Miss Meyer was also responsible for a magnificent spoof of the American super-glossy magazine *Yachting*, a production entitled *Yatting*. Its cover pictured a Class One racer sailing over the Niagara Falls, and it was bought by 40,000 people, many of whom thought it was all for real. A French magazine was so impressed by this achievement they asked Miss Meyer for her photograph. She sent them a very nice one, in which she happened to have no clothes on.

### Fan stance

As yet another hideously depressing football season starts, consider the following crowd figures for the 1975-76 season. Division Three: Cardiff City v Hereford, 35,549; Crystal Palace v Millwall, 34,893. Division Two: Bolton v Sunderland, 42,680 (return fixture 51,983). Division One: Birmingham City v Stoke City, 37,166. These figures have been revived by a kind of underground magazine for those strange and vanishing creatures, real football supporters. It is called *When Saturday Comes*, and is a splendid 20p worth.

### Rain starts play

Never mind rugby and softball—cricket is also blazing a trail for mixed-sex sport. The recently introduced Australian version of indoor cricket is really beginning to take off, say the men marketing it from Indoor Cricket Systems, in Australia. 80 per cent of the teams playing the game include women. The ball is softer than a proper cricket ball, bowling to women must not be too quick, you don't need pads and there's no LBW. In England there are centres at Peterborough, Ipswich, Wellingborough, Hounslow and Tottenham.

### Rhymers

My request for more sporting limericks has been answered by a mass of fine entries. I was rather charmed by this entry from Barbara Reevce, who gets a *Times* fiver for her trouble.

*A young tennis player called Bobo  
At Wimbledon had a good gogo.  
When asked how he came  
By such a nickname,  
He said: "You try rhyming  
with Zivujnovic."*

BARRY FANTONI



'Aha! So there is a rift with Normao Tebbit'

Bernard Levin

# Your passport or your life

The horrid news about the future design and format of this country's passports, revealed last week on this page by Lord Bethell, came as a particularly timely shock to me. It seems that instead of the document familiar for so long to British passport-holders, we shall be issued with what will be: both literally and metaphorically, a bit of cheap plastic rubbish, the idea being to bring Britain into line with the rest of the EEC, for the new version will be used throughout the Community. It is worth pausing here to record the fact that this proposal had been made before, and rejected. When Lord Home was Foreign Secretary, a minute outlining the plans for an uglier, nastier standardized passport was laid before him by his civil servants. He wrote across it "over my dead body" and they retreated with as much composure as they could summon up. But the permanent officials of the Foreign Office, who would abolish the English language, never mind passport, if they could, merely bided their time.

But the reason I got an extra shock from the news is that I have just taken possession of my new passport (presumably one of the last in the old style), and my real complaint is not about the waning of British power, as symbolized by the decline of the British passport: it is about the waning of me, as symbolized by the fact that my new one is my fifth.

The preface to my first began: "We, Ernest Bevin, request and require, in the name of His Britannic Majesty . . ." but in the course of the years the personal touch was abandoned, and now the requesting, and requiring is done only by "Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State." (The impersonal approach may have been adopted because one or two holders of the office were judged insufficiently impressive to cow the fierce cannibal eating a missionary or the somnolent Spaniard dodging beneath his tree, the fur-clad Eskimo in the boreal latitudes or the upside-down Australian with corks dangling from his hat, may even a Ruritanian ticket-collector or an admiral in the Swiss Navy, where is Lord Palmerston now that we really need him?)

That first passport was issued in 1946, which was the year I first went abroad. I went to Switzerland, with my sister, and we not only needed a Swiss visa, I think we needed also a French one just to cross their country, well, some things have improved. (And oow I think of it, it is Bevin who dreamt of a world in which he could "go down to Victoria Station and buy a ticket to where the 'ell I like'.") The eager lad set off for Switzerland across a Europe still in ruins and rigorously rationed: changing stations in Paris, we found that the coffee at the *buffet de la gare* was ersatz—made of acorns.

Nineteen-fifty-six, the year of my second passport, saw the Suez debacle and the Hungarian Revolution; though I was already a full-time journalist, I was not the kind, and never have been since, to rush off in the direction of gunfire and file stories from the barricades or the battlefield. In the currency of my third passport, which was dated 1966, the Fischer-Spaasky match for the chess championship of the world took place in Reykjavik; that was my kind of battle, but I couldn't

find anyone who would commission me to cover it.

With my fourth passport, which began in 1976, I went round the world twice, and both times I was worried by the same conundrum, which arose when I crossed the dateline flying to Australia over the Pacific, via California; it goes like this. I lost a day on my journey. Had I returned from Australia by simply reversing my route I would have gained a day and cancelled out the loss. By going on to the same direction, I got the day back less spectacularly but no less convincingly, as the time changed from country to country on my westward progress. So far, so good, but what about a man who goes westward to Australia, thus losing a day, and stays there for the rest of his life? Does he die a day earlier than he otherwise would?

I have a far worse problem with my passports, and it is the most obvious of all. I don't keep the old ones; it is bad enough to see the date of issue, leaping a decade each time, without looking also at the tell-tale array of pictures. Here is the new one: I bet I didn't have those deep channels, running from beside my nose to the corners of my mouth, 40 years ago. On the other hand, there are no lines visible on my forehead in the photograph, and precious few in the mirror. On the other hand, the grey is distinctly visible, not only at my temples, but streaking my nut-brown locks throughout. But I have lost not a hair, of any colour, from my crown.

I have always said that if I should be impelled to make away with myself, it would be on New Year's Eve. Logically, of course, the last day of a year should be no different from any other; one would think that a birthday would be far more pressingly reminiscent of the passing of time. All the same, for me it is New Year's Eve that bids me think upon mine end. But just think what I would feel if



Philip Younes

perhaps because of some other idiotic EEC regulation, all passports were dated from December 31! I don't think I would have the patience to use a rope: up to the roof and off, heedless of all those beautiful eyes that would be red with weeping on the morrow.

Curiously, Bevin is further from his Victoria Station dream than ever, to judge by the passport that has just expired. There are no visas for Western Europe now, of course, and it is said that some time in the next three centuries the Americans are going to stop believing that all visitors to the United States are coming with the single-minded intention of overthrowing the constitution and that their diabolical plans can be thwarted only by compelling them to get a visa before setting off. But I didn't need an Australian visa for my first three passports, and I didn't need an Indian one until just the other day. Some things have improved, though; a British citizen can take out as much money, to travel with, as he can afford, whereas when my fourth passport began, there was a currency "allowance"—and it was a serious offence to exceed it. (No doubt Michael Meacher has already drawn up plans, against the day when the Labour Party gets back into power, for re-instituting the currency limit, probably setting it at £25 for a fortnight's trip.) My sixth passport, in its new dress, will be due in 1996; will there be any brown locks left? Or will some New Year's Eve have proved too powerful?

Come, come, enough of this gloom. My fifth passport is still the solid, reassuring document that it always has been. And as I take a last look at it before putting it away until it is missed, I spot something I had missed before, and very cheering it is, too. For the first time in five passports, the photograph is smiling.



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### CHOICE FOR THE GENERAL

The arrest on Thursday of Miss Benazir Bhutto, would be leader of a democratic Pakistan and avenger of her father's death...

But it is a far greater setback for the cause of the present Pakistan government and for General Zia personally. When Miss Bhutto returned home to Pakistan in April after two years of exile...

If that had happened, then the government would not only have seen off the Bhutto threat but also have gone some way towards establishing its own democratic credentials.

a rally of her People's Party to mark Independence Day. The government cancelled its own rallies, then banned the one planned by Miss Bhutto.

In one move, General Zia has demonstrated his own weakness and the weakness of his government. His attempts over the past few months to build up the credibility of the civilian government...

Now, General Zia faces a dilemma. If he has Miss Bhutto sent into exile again after her 30 days under arrest, he will gain a brief respite...

campaign and pose a renewed challenge to the government. Either way the government elected in carefully controlled conditions last April is threatened.

There are two and only two possible ways to end this stalemate. General Zia can restore martial law - a step which would probably be supported by the army...

Either course has its risks. The reimposition of martial law would be a defeat for General Zia's carefully drafted plans to restore a controlled democracy to Pakistan.

### A GAME ON TRIAL

Today the Charity Shield, tomorrow the rest of the soccer season. As for the violent yesterday, the football industry would like us to forget about those. Indeed, we were beginning to forget about them until this week's events on board a Sealink Ferry between Harwich and Amsterdam.

The ship-board fighting was another disgraceful episode in the history of soccer thuggery. But, more than that, it challenges the prevailing view that the British Football authorities have put their house in order.

According to Mr Richard Tracy, the sports minister, an irresponsible minority of supporters set us back enormously. But does he really believe that we were otherwise ready to be accepted back into the fold?

become a way of life. It may be that the relationship is terminal. One thing is certain, however. The British football authorities have got their priorities wrong.

The signs so far suggest that they have not entirely accepted this. After the tragedy at the Heysel stadium in Brussels there was a lot of tough talking. Of action there was rather less.

Second, came the call for a national system of identity cards. No, said the FA, but we will think about identity cards for each club.

increased surveillance of football matches. Thanks to the police that has happened. But one out of three is not a record to be proud of.

The game's international body, FIFA, has itself played a far from exemplary role. A week after the tragedy it slapped English football down by imposing a world wide ban on all English clubs.

It may hurt but the truth is that we had (and still have) no right to ask for charity abroad. FIFA would be taking the right decision if it reinstated the ban on English clubs playing European friendlies.

### CANCER WAR

The publicity given to the cancer diagnosed in jockey Jonjo O'Neill should not be seen as prurient interest in the misfortune of a celebrity. Popular newspapers love heroism. They often exaggerate. They all too often invade and exploit private grief.

How recently was cancer shrouded in that primitive fear - common even in advanced societies - that by talking openly about morbidity and mortality a dire fate was invited?

Publicity given to cancer sufferers has helped the process of education.

The narrative of the diagnosis and treatment of Jonjo O'Neill's fellow rider, Bob Champion, has become film and legend; the detection and excision of two cancerous growths in the President of the United States of America have been detailed in press conferences and newspaper diagrams.

This is no terrain of miracle cures and medical magic. Both Mr Reagan and Mr Champion, and there are other examples, submitted to having the most intimate parts of their bodies talked about, drawn, discussed and filmed for public viewing.

public gift of knowledge and hope.

Cancers are preventable; that is one of the most relevant public health lessons of the past decade. The risk of incidence of cancer can be reduced by diet and style of life even though there are, naturally, disputes over the exact calculus.

The other lesson is that cancers are detectable early. Regular self-examination should now be a part of every mature woman's life. Men, too, from the onset of middle age should be on guard.

### FOURTH LEADER

A lady from Harrogate, who died recently, has had her will published. It includes a bequest of £5,000 to her parrot, which is named Polly. The testatrix made clear that the legacy was designed to ensure that the bird would continue to live in the manner to which it had become accustomed.

We do not claim to be experts on the care and feeding of parrots, but from our limited experience of the creatures we have always understood that ample clean water, together with a regular supply of birdseed, varied by an occasional apple, nut or biscuit, will keep even the most exacting and fastidious of them happy indefinitely.

It may be, of course, that this particular specimen has a more refined palate than most, but the idea of a parrot with a passion for caviar strains credulity; besides no mention of gourmet tastes was made in the will, and we somehow feel that anyone who would leave £5,000 to a parrot would also take care to remind the legatee ("Only the best butter") not to

stint on anything. We must face the fact that a perfectly ordinary parrot, with a perfectly ordinary appetite, has overnight become rich beyond psittacine dreams of avarice.

The bird, it is true, may decide to give the money away, arguing that the paperwork and worry involved in investing and looking after such a sum makes it more trouble than it is worth. But that is unlikely: parrots have a well-established reputation for avarice, and anyway, how would it dispose of the money? Certainly not to a Cats' Home. It may, on the other hand, go to the other extreme and take to drink and gambling, frittering away its inheritance in no time. But a Prodigal Parrot is as unlikely as a philanthropic one.

No objection, it seems, has been taken to the will by any claimant who had expected to be a beneficiary: the dog has not alleged that the testatrix was non-compos mentis when

it was drawn up, nor the goldfish that the parrot exercised undue influence over her. And more sinister explanations can be easily ruled out: even if the parrot was a ventriloquist, and dictated the will to a short-sighted lawyer, it could hardly have been an expert forger as well when it came to the signature. (And what about the witnesses? Legal experts whom we have consulted insist that a pair of gerbils would not have satisfied the requirements of the law.)

No, there is a very rich parrot in Harrogate, and a very rich parrot it looks like remaining. Possibly Polly will find herself besieged by fortune-hunting male parrots, but something about this story suggests that she will be quite capable of seeing them all off. For our part, we do not begrudge Polly a penny of it; we rejoice in the good fortune of others rather than envying it, and we urge all our readers, particularly those of them who are parrots, to do the same. Polly wants a cracker? Polly shall have a cracker.

### Frosty view of the 'baby-boomers'

From Mr J. A. Stillwell Sir, Your brief series on "baby-boomers" (August 11-13) confirmed my own observations and many of my sentiments. I have been fortunate enough to have been able to view this catastrophe from a distance, having lived in the Far East and Africa for the past thirty years.

My very recent return to this no longer sceptred isle has added to this confirmation. Apart from the immediacy of disillusion - apathy, lethargy, hedonism, not to mention the routine of sex, crime and drugs - one is overwhelmed by a sense of lack of national purpose.

There were, indeed, too many baby-boomers. Inevitably, they were pandered to commercially, socially and morally, but without the strength of leadership. Certainly, their collective parents can collect no Brownie points from this situation and it still remains true that the generation they over-produced is now doing very badly and they are well described as "lousy parents".

They have had a superfluity of options and a disastrous dearth of discipline to effect decisions. Their "ideals" were merely ideas; there was no ferment, only a bubble-bath. Looking around the country, at least adjectivally, it appears slack, lax, floppy and sloppy.

We are encumbered with the West, the East and the Third World. Who is now emerging is the Fourth Division and it seems likely that Britain will experience difficulty in maintaining a position even in this dustbin category.

It is, I fear, almost too late to drag ourselves out of this morass "grey power" will now be of less effect than a gerontocracy.

It may well be cathartically necessary to write off a whole generation or two, but any solution, bowsoever approached, can only be achieved along the most important and efficacious route: self-discipline to attain national discipline.

Is there nobody to step into the shoes of the Iron Duke or even of Thomas Carlyle? Yours etc. J. ALAN STILLWELL, 76 Shepherds Hill, Guildford, Surrey, August 14.

From Mrs Naomi R. Gould Sir, Would one of your ubiquitous pundits who seem to have been created for the sole purpose of conducting useless surveys, tell me when I may live my life untroubled by a label to which I neither belong nor aspire to belong?

Having been born in 1947, I spent the first 21 years of my life as one of the "Bulge" - the largest group to start primary school, grammar school, university etc.

I hope I do not have to spend the next 21 years with another label I do not want before becoming part of the "Geriatric Overflow". Yours faithfully, NAOMI R. GOULD, 42 Woodcote Hurst, Epsom, Surrey, August 11.

From Mrs Caroline Bingham Sir, At this moment in Ume Baby Boomers are keen to get on the Gravy Train and come in from the cold to meet up with Young Turks. But there is a Catch-22 in this, for Yuppies are lacking in chur-pah and Sloane Rangers are not streetwise.

Young Fogies may seek Food for Thought by consulting their latest horoscopes, lest they lose out and wonder whatever happened to them. In this day and age there is only one remedy: to return to our Grassroots and cultivate plain English. Yours faithfully, CAROLINE BINGHAM, 199 Prince of Wales Road, NWS, August 13.

### Adult-proof

From Mr I. H. Harrison and Dr P. B. Weedle Sir, Your correspondents (July 28, 30, August 2, 4) identified the problems encountered by adults with child-resistant containers (CRCs) and some measures to overcome them. The purpose of CRCs is to protect children from accidental poisoning. If they are effective in doing this then the inconvenience encountered by some patients is surely a small price to pay.

### Threat to study of philosophy

From Mr George MacDonald Ross Sir, Professor Sir Alfred Aver (August 12) has drawn attention to the immediate threat of closure facing four of the 46 university philosophy departments in the UK. Whatever the attitudes to philosophy within their respective administrations, the prime reason for closure in each case has been that the departments are deemed too small to be viable unless current or impending vacancies are filled.

If attrition continues at its present rate throughout the system, about half the philosophy departments in the UK may have five members or less by the end of the decade - a level at which their viability will, rightly or wrongly, be called into question.

The recently formed National Committee for Philosophy has been urging the University Grants Committee to intervene and to prevent the catastrophic decline in philosophy provision which seems inevitable if university administrations continue to act independently on similar criteria.

One of the main features distinguishing a university from a mere aggregate of training and research departments is the presence of a philosophical approach to learning - a concern with basic assumptions, methodology, truth criteria, moral implications, and connections between disciplines.

An institution which decides that it can dispense with professional philosophy is not merely abolishing one department among many, but severely damaging its right to call itself a university in anything but name.

Philosophy departments do not need to be large and no department is at present too small to fulfil its function. Provided that philosophy is not called upon to make a disproportionate contribution to the current round of cuts, there is no reason for any university to follow Surrey into a lower league by abolishing its philosophy department.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MACDONALD ROSS (Chairman, National Committee for Philosophy), University of Leeds, Department of Philosophy, Leeds, West Yorkshire, August 12.

### Discordant note

From Mr Peter Hamilton Dyer Sir, What has happened to the composers of today? At present "Summerscope" occupies the South Bank: "A Celebration of our Century".

Why the incessant desire to follow blindly the discordant experimenters of 60, 80 years ago? At the Queen Elizabeth Hall last night (August 10) we heard, among other quartets, Webern's "Six Bagatelles", composed in 1913, and Zsolt Durko's String Quartet No. 2, composed in 1970.

We are told that the global horrors of this century have necessarily shaped modern-day composition, but here was a composer 60 years before Mr Durko, writing before all these terrible catastrophes had occurred, and yet doing so with a far greater understanding of the potential expressiveness within atonal music.

This is one example; Mr Durko is not alone, there are hundreds more, even to the hallowed names of Tippett and Britwistle. It is surely time to accept the explosive advances made at the start of this century, relax with them, and now put them back together side by side with such contemporary taboos as tonality and harmony.

I do not wish to cramp experimentation, but there must still be room for a reflection of the beauty and truth existing in the world. We might then also view the terrible chaos from a truer, more balanced perspective. Yours faithfully, PETER HAMILTON DYER, 4 Sarre Road, West Hampstead, NW2, August 11.

### Emergency calls

From the Director of British Telecom Sir, Bill Johnston, your Technology Correspondent, reported (August 6, later editions) on British Telecom's plans to handle London operator calls at provincial centres.

I would like to correct one point that may cause your readers concern. It is not the intention to handle emergency (999) calls at locations remote from London; all of these will be dealt with by operating centres remaining in London.

### ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 16 1792 The attack by the Paris mob on the Tuileries Palace and the annihilation of the Swiss Guards forced Louis XVI to seek protection in the National Assembly. The riot virtually marked the end of the monarchy and another step towards the execution of the King on January 21, 1793. Danton claimed to have organized this insurrection.

### [PARIS - Saturday at Noon.] [IRRUPTION INTO THE TUILERIES]

From our regular correspondent... The attack at the Palace began before ten o'clock. It was conducted by a regiment of Cordeliers, some Federates of Marseilles, the Federates of Brest, and a battalion of Guards from the quarter of St. Antoine. A Marseillais officer appeared at the principal door of the Palace, and demanded entrance for himself and his bandits, from a Swiss officer who commanded there. The Swiss replied that his orders would not permit him to comply. The Marseillais officer instantly applied a pistol to his breast and shot him through the heart. That moment the carriage began, and it lasted the whole day.

During this time the inhabitants of all the Faubourgs were repairing to the Palace and to the National Assembly, accompanied by all the Sections of Paris, armed in the same manner as they were on the 20th of June, and called out for the destruction of the King - that he was a Traitor and had forfeited the Crown. The King, perceiving such a mob of banditti, with fury in their looks, began to be alarmed. Just at that moment, he received a message from the Directors of the Department of Paris, warning him of his danger, and advising him to go immediately to the National Assembly, and to take his family with him. He was scarcely out of the Palace before the mob, collected together on the Place du Carrousel, insisted on being admitted immediately into the Courts of the Palace. It was impossible for the guards to prevent their irruption. Having rushed in, in vast numbers, they took possession of the interior, and which they found in the Courts, and which had been abandoned by the gnomes, who had joined the insurgents...

During this attempt to break into the Palace, a very heavy fire was kept up on both sides, and a great many persons killed. Cannon were pointed to prevent the entrance into the Palace, but the numbers and strength of the mob rendered resistance ineffectual, and they at length penetrated into the interior part of it. The first resistance within was from the top of the grand staircase, where the Swiss made a very firm stand, but the mob, unawed, and encouraged by the cry of Liberty, Victory, or Death, soon made their way up the staircase, when the Swiss gave way; and a general massacre ensued. They had defended themselves with great intrepidity, and slain numbers of their assassins, but being attacked at the same instant by the National Guards within, posted there to protect the King, and by the armed banditti below, they were between two fires, and the slaughter was of course great. The Swiss Guards had been weakened by their having sent a detachment of their corps to join some National Guards who protected the King on his way to the National Assembly, and when the King was arrived there, most of those guards dispersed to go to breakfast.

The massacre was greater than can hardly be credited, and it is reported with great authority, and the report is confirmed by both parties, that 1500 persons, including women and children, were slain or wounded during this day. There was not one Swiss soldier spared. About 60 who were not killed on the spot, were taken prisoners and conducted to the Town Hall of the Commons of Paris. It was intended that they should have a summary trial, but the women, particularly the Poissardes, rushed in torrents into the Hall, crying for vengeance, and the Swiss Guards were then given up to their fury, and every man of them murdered on the spot.

The Palace of the Tuileries [sic] is almost wholly destroyed, all the doors and windows of it being broken to pieces. The mob, not contented with having murdered all those within it, afterwards placed cannon loaded with ball and pointed against it, by which means several of the walls are beaten down.

The King and Queen behaved themselves with great fortitude. The King's countenance throughout showed signs of the most perfect composure. The Queen looked with an air of magnanimity and disdain on her enemies... The Song Culottes have now obtained all their ends...

### Lawsuits lottery

From Mr R. H. Lloyd Mostyn Sir, Your leader (August 4) comments on the remarkable number of outstanding lawsuits in India (543,963) and proposes that the official concerned just cubed the number of his lottery ticket and multiplied the sum - shouldn't it be product? - by his grandmother's age.

Are we sure that it was his grandmother? The only integers which are both compatible with a person's age and divisible into 543,963 are 1, 3, 7 and 21 and of these only 1 has a cube root which is also an integer. I assume that decimals do not feature on Indian lottery tickets. Yours faithfully, R. H. LLOYD MOSTYN, Penryn, 42 Lichfield Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, August 11.

### Up the family tree

From Dr C. P. H. Heneghan Sir, Suppose that Dr Mark McEvedy (August 11) is right, that Neanderthal man had 48 chromosomes and Cro-Magnon 46, and that therefore they could not breed with one another. This, he says, would support the notion that we are all descended from one mutant 46-chromosome person who appeared 100,000 years ago. Ignoring the immense difficulty of testing this theory, there is an important question arising: Who did his 46-chromosome mutant breed with, to produce the human race? Not, as he says in his letter, the 48-chromosome Neanderthal. Who then?

Supplementary question: If it is, say, a million to one against deletion of one pair of chromosomes (with a viable result), how long should this potential Adam have to wait for his Eve? Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HENEGHAN, 17 King Edward's Mansions, 629 Fulham Road, SW6, August 11.

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# THE ARTS

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

### Television

It is typical of the muddling eccentricities of the British genius that the turbo-charged acceleration of our industrial decline has left untouched our capacity for technical ingenuity, just as our technical ingenuity has left almost un-molested our industrial decline. *The Great Egg Race* (BBC 2) is a poignant, if light hearted, homage to this curious tendency. Presented by Professor Heinz Wolff, a cartoon boffin complete with egg-head and foreign accent, the programme regularly proves that, if necessity is the mother of invention for most of mankind, our creative spirit is at its most vigorous when grappling with the pointless.

*The Great Egg Race* is most ingeniously pointless when it requires its teams of mechanical improvisers to invent and build what has already been invented and built. Eager beaver contestants, crafty in concept, handy at execution, miraculously construct, out of the meaneast resources, an impromptu version of some renowned mechanical wonder. It is as though they are practising for the time when, as in H. G. Wells's *The Shape of Things to Come*, technological wizards will be forced by war to cobble together machines.

Last night the counterpointing of invention and industrial decline was particularly evident as Professor Wolff took the teams to the banks of the Clyde and asked them to make a crane. It seemed to dampen his usual enthusiasm for comic turns. He didn't even go in the car with the crane expert when it was lifted by one of the river's magnificent mechanical redds full of riveting which, we were told, is no longer used in the making of cranes. He appeared, however, to be more full of beans when he heard of the deprived childhood of one contestant reared without a Meccano set. At the end he even tried being a crane himself.

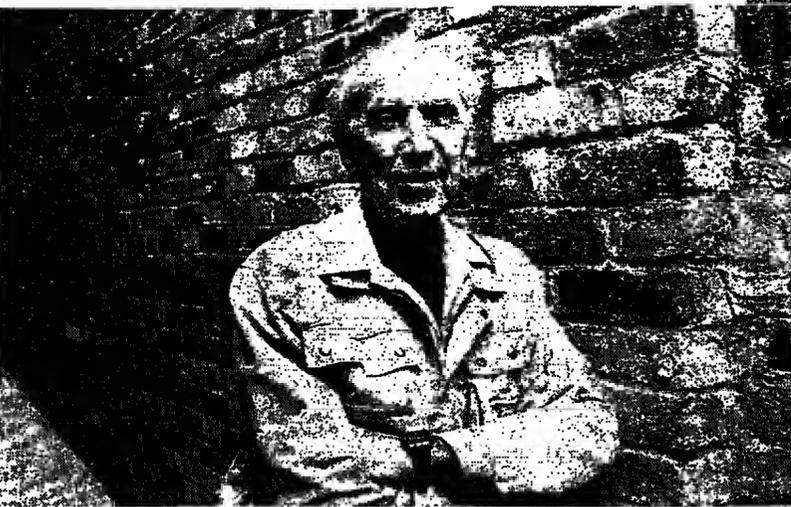
**Andrew Hislop**

**Out of the brickwork: Five forgotten films made in the Thirties by Bernard Vorhaus (right) will be shown over the next three days. Geoff Brown talks to the director who is emerging from obscurity**

## From art into life and back

Here's a tough question for the buffs: Which film-maker directed John Wayne and Slicker the seal, introduced Geraldine Fitzgerald, Margaret Rutherford and Anne Jackson to the screen, became a wartime friend of Ronald Reagan, suffered through the McCarthy nightmare, and gave it all up to convert houses in Hampstead and St John's Wood? Before this year, the only one able to answer the question might have been the answer himself: Bernard Vorhaus. But film history thrives on rediscoveries, and 1986 is the year this greatly talented film-maker, now a sprightly 81, emerged from obscurity. Five films - mostly low-budget British ventures from the Thirties - are featured over the next three days of the Edinburgh Film Festival. A fuller selection will follow in December at London's National Film Theatre, revealing a zealous director who breathes cinematic life into almost any material put before him.

For this rediscovery, several acknowledgements are due: to David Lean, who singled out Vorhaus as an admired figure of his apprentice days during an interview for Thames Television; to the National Film Archive, who enthusiastically dug up surviving films, some unseen for over 50 years; to the S-Z volume of the London telephone directory, thus located. Vorhaus was invited to see remnants of his past - a somewhat frightening experience. An added musical, *Street Song*, had him heading for the exit within minutes; others led him pleasantly by surprise. He admits to finding *The Last Journey*, a rip-roaring thriller from 1935 about a runaway train, "very refreshing", sections of *Dusty Ermine*, a counter-felting drama partly shot in the



Austrian alps, were "quite fun", while *The Spiritualist*, a Forties frolic with Turhan Bey as a phoney mystic, "hadn't dated too badly". From a man so modest and gentle, those are great compliments.

The bizarre twists of Vorhaus's career might almost come from one of his own thrillers. He can trace back his film connections to the second decade of this century when he accompanied his elder sister on her story-selling trips to the New Jersey studios and returned to the family brownstone with a booty of celluloid scraps. Then, after Harvard, he tackled Harry Cohn about a writing job. "BOY - GIRL - HEAVY", the boss of the newly-formed Columbia Pictures barked. "Boy's a fireman, fire breaks out. He goes up ladder, breaks through window, finds girl with heavy. Now finish it."

Vorhaus passed the test, notched up Hollywood writing credits in the late Twenties, and came to England for a holiday during the talkie rumpus. The holiday lasted some eight years. At first he laboured on trilles, including shorts skits featuring Ottorino Gorno's marionettes, some directed by John Grierson ("a silly thing for him to have done"). He then secured contracts with studios manufacturing films to meet the Quota law - films chiefly required for statistical purposes only. Mostly he worked at Twickenham, where production continued 24 hours a day, though shooting stopped for the trains rattling by outside; a watchman perched on the roof, sending warning signals to the studio floor.

"The crews were quite remarkable", Vorhaus recalls. "Really willing and able. There was no special effects department; it was

taken for granted the property man would conjure up everything - cobwebs, icicles, elaborate precautions, glass you could crash through. The poor blokes were worked to death, and once a year the boss, Julius Hagen, showed largesse and invited the staff to an enormous feast at the Savoy, which they could not possibly consume. They were sick all over the place. This to me was a very sad thing."

The Twickenham life, however, seemed rosy compared with the Hollywood treadmill of Republic studios, where he started working in 1938. This was a period of mixed blessings. Vorhaus enjoyed a fruitful collaboration with the cameraman John Alton, and the convivial company of young writers engaged in anti-fascist causes (like many others, Vorhaus dates his politicization from the Spanish Civil War). But what thinking man, while the world's clouds were darkening, would like to spend his working hours directing the angelic boy soprano Bobby Breen, or the skating damsels of *Ice-Capades*?

War-work came to the rescue. As a Captain in the Air Force Motion Picture Unit, he supervised film production, and drove to work with Ronald Reagan, the unit's security officer. "I considered him very clever in a superficial way, and more knowledgeable about politics than any other actor I'd ever run into." At the time Reagan's views were liberal, but when the Iron Curtain descended the Reagan curtain followed suit. Vorhaus remained on the left, and was caught in the flames fanned by the Un-American Activities Committee. When he was named in Edward Dmytryk's recantation testimony of

April 1951, Vorhaus was filming in France. There followed months of European harassment and permit problems with wife and young family in tow, and an actor who specialized in Mafia hoods supposedly trailing him at the FBI's behest.

Vorhaus came to rest in England. His solicitor advised a low profile, and a second career in architectural design followed after he worked on the conversion of his own house. "I got interested in the planning, and a friend suggested I do it professionally. So at night I studied architecture, and started to run a business - Doman Properties. Designed for Modern Living - which became very successful." The imagination races at the notion of a film director turned architect: think of the ascetic tombs Carl Dreyer might design, or Sternberg's gauze-throated palaces. Vorhaus approached the conversion business much as he would a low-budget film, using the space and existing assets in the best possible way. One process ended in *The Last Journey*; the other, in sturdy flats.

He regards his curtailed film career with sadness, but no bitterness. "For one thing, I'd seen people far worse off than I. And I thought the political implications of the investigations and the blacklist were much more important than the question of a few hurt individuals." As for being thrust into the limelight after a life in the shadows, he finds the experience strange, flattering, and fun. "It's actually caused me to start the research on a new script. For I realized that making films is much more exciting than anything else you can do." The best films of Bernard Vorhaus communicate that excitement perfectly.

## Cold lives, caught in oceans of space

**John Gabriel Borkman King's**



Ingmar Bergman

For the second time this week, a major European film director has descended on Edinburgh with a stage production; here, for three nights only, Ingmar Bergman wins triple Brownie points as the Swedish director of a Norwegian play performed by a German company.

This production for the Bavarian State Theatre of Munich was first given in May last year, and in the interim has clocked up plenty of bouquets. Last night's opening attracted a remarkably thin house which, however, facilitated a strategic move to the stalls at half-time in order to escape the deafening crackle of the simultaneous translation. A few days spent with Michael Meyer's indispensable English text, I found few problems.

The inspiration for Ibsen's penultimate play, written in 1896 when the grand old man was 68, came from a true story of nearly 50 years earlier. An army officer, charged with embezzlement, had attempted to shoot himself and four years later, on completing his prison sentence, had immured himself in his house in silent solitude the rest of his days.

His fictional counterpart, named "John" to suggest English plutocracy and "Gabriel" for archangelic resonance, is a sometime banker who has suffered a similar disgrace and who for the past eight years has kept to the upper storey of the family home, pacing the floor like "a sick wolf" and declining to communicate with his embittered wife downstairs.

Around this already twisted tree, Ibsen wound a creeper of emotional complication. Borkman's first love was the beautiful Ella Rentheim, whom he was forced to renounce by his rival, a lawyer, in order to secure advancement at the bank. Instead, he married her sister, Gunhild, by whom he had a son, Erhart.

Played at a downbeat, conversational pace, Bergman's production stresses the estrangement of the characters by isolating them on the harshly formal sets (by Gunilla Palmstierna-Weiss) where oceans of space separate Ella and Mrs Borkman in the latter's sitting-room, or Borkman and Ella in the former's voluntary prison upstairs. The floor over which the ruined banker paces in a kind of half-trot looks to be made of the iron which his father mined and which provides a recurring symbol of deadness.

When the characters do touch, it is often with exaggerated violence - Borkman claps his departing son's head with a near-cuff which would not disgrace a bear - as though the repressed feelings of decades were suddenly lunging up through their covering of ice.

Hans Michael Rehberg in the title role suggests a prehen-sile undertaker: grey, sardonic, endeavorous and given to spasms of finger-wagging, his brooding presence works better indoors than when he emerges to die in the snow.

Christine Bucheger and Christa Bernd appear rather young for the sisters and Tobias Moretti is quite unappealing as the young man over whom they wrestle. Rita Russek makes a foxily self-possessed Mrs Wilton, but the eye is held chiefly by Heinz Bennent as the awkward, rather pratish old clerk, Vilhelm Foldal. For the "character" part so to predominate reinforces the suspicion that, for all Bergman's care, the hand of ice is simply not chilling enough.

**Martin Cropper**

### Television preview

Central's 90-minute documentary about one of 20th-century music's most bizarre figures, *The Noble Savage: Percy Grainger* (ITV, tomorrow, 10.30 pm), follows a format already familiar from the producer Jim Berrow's earlier Elgar portrait, *Hope and Glory*. Filmmaking archive film, ancient recordings and piano rolls are evocatively juxtaposed with new performances by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle.

There are visual references ranging from contemporary paintings to fading photographs, peeps into highly private letters and diaries, and a wodge of experts' opinions of variable worth.

With Grainger, however, Berrow and his director, the innovative Barric Gavin, are dealing with more explosive material. As a musician he was a talented but peripheral eccentric; as a man he was a pervert of considerable inventiveness.

It is perhaps impossible to assess the Australian properly without taking into account his pioneering endeavours in the fields of flagellation, bisexuality and racism. Gavin and Berrow do not shrink from these areas; in fact they rather seem to relish the story's telling.

They concoct one particularly explicit sequence. A naked lassie flays a whip around a swimming pool; the composer (loins similarly ungirt) lolls in various submissive attitudes; a narrator smacks

his lips over a letter from Grainger to a lady called Karen, requesting her to bite with more realism; the cruel sea crashes against rocky promontories, and so on.

Then there are the experts' views. Rattle's are worth hearing, though too many are dubbed over music that would illustrate the very points he is making. But too much time and credence is given to the primitive psychoanalysis of two sweet, middle-aged brothers from New York (who played for Percy when they were boys and have clearly never forgotten the experience) and an intense young woman who spouts some weary Jungian clichés to support her unusual thesis that Grainger was "an archangel".

Bis of many pieces are performed, often excellently. The CSO's playing in *The Warriors* and Raimund Henric's singing of the haunting shanty "Shallow Brown" are exciting both visually and aurally. But the programme never starts to prove that - in the heyday of Stravinsky, Sibelius, Strauss and Prokofiev - Grainger was should command anything more than a small footnote in the history-book.

The sequence devoted to his electronic experiments only demonstrates how pathetically amateurish he was in the larger avant-garde context, and someone in the programme should have said so. On the other hand, he gave the world "Country Gardens".

**Richard Morrison**

### Theatre in London

**Romeo and Juliet**  
Lyric Studio,  
Hammersmith

It makes sense to play *Romeo and Juliet* as a lyric poem, not as the grand-ops-dinosaur which it has too frequently become. Much of this drama's finest emotion is reflective, and characters are forever halting in the midst of action, torn between Christian philosophy and a sensual pagan verse. Romeo is more ambitious Elizabethan sonneteer than wan and lovesick youth, and Juliet has a fiery relish for language which is beyond the scope of her callow adolescence. The tragedy of the play is the lyrical one of gorgeous waste, and it comes decked in melodrama and conceit. The Shakespeare who wrote it had yet to reach dramatic maturity.

Kenneth Branagh both directs and stars in a rewarding new production at the Lyric Studio, and his success qualified though it must be has a great deal to do with youth, energy and attack. The verse is given a blunt colloquial freshness, and the action is organized clearly, in simple groupings. As director, Branagh has stripped the text to the bone, but he cannot disguise its ramshackle construction nor the fact that Shakespeare was over-bountiful with his tragic effects. But it is to his credit that the audience is compelled to listen, held willy-nilly by the muscular vigour of the delivery, and, although there are crudities and embarrass-



Samantha Bond as Juliet

ments, there is a spare psychological power in the straightforwardness of this approach.

Branagh's Romeo is good-humoured and great-hearted, a carelessly handsome young chap who expects to best life as surely as he charms women, a Captain of the Eleven who will never lack friends. Juliet is played by Samantha Bond, and her performance has a depth and richness that makes it the best of the evening.

This Juliet is a giddy, headstrong girl, cradling her head with delirious self-satisfaction at the end of the balcony scene, standing tall with sexual anticipation during the long wait before her secret marriage, pummeling herself with hopeless rage when she is told to wed Paris. If Romeo is a bit of a speechifier, this Juliet has the cutting edge of real passion. When she cries, "If all else fail, I have the power to die", she discovers the self-will that makes drama hypnotic.

The failures of the production are, too, the failures of youth. Branagh has an unaffected delivery, but it cannot match the flamboyant range of the verse. And many of the supporting cast are merely adequate, imitating the sounds and gestures of other, better performances. There is too much hackneyed stage laughter and the street-swaggering is borrowed from bad musical comedy. But, in its moments of quietness and despair, when the audience are held by timing and inflections, this is an unornamented and moving account of the play.

**Andrew Rissik**

### Rock

**La Fura dels Baus**  
Isle of Dogs

Perhaps the long delays before boarding the bus at the ICA and again before being admitted to the vast warehouse on the Isle of Dogs were part of a process for softening up the audience prior to the assault that was to follow. For once inside, milling around in a dimly lit area dotted with scaffolding towers, water-tanks and odd trolley contraptions, the paying customer was fair game for bearing the brunt of the fall-out resulting from the bizarre and violent antics of these 10 madmen from Catalonia.

An almost naked man swept through the audience swinging a huge lump of metal on a chain, missing the heads and feet of bystanders by inches. Another figure dragged two oil-drums, pausing now and then to smash them with a metal rod. On a stage other members of the troupe played surging African tribal rhythms on a variety of electronic and makeshift industrial percussion instruments.

Formed in 1982, La Fura dels Baus have developed the carnival tradition of Spanish street performance into an unique theatre of grotesqueries. They showered the entire area with talcum powder bombs (which was good fun), chewed and threw huge chunks of offal at each other (less amusing) and tipped buckets of animal blood over their heads (rather unpleasant). But, while this may sound a little extreme, they exerted a terrible fascination, appealing to that part of the psyche that makes it so hard not to gawk when passing the scene of a motorway accident.

What it all meant was anybody's guess. I wondered, while dodging a man skidding through a pool of water on a supermarket trolley, whether it was a figurative representation of the primordial man that still stalks beneath the surface of the "civilized" urban jungle. Perhaps the offal sequence was a comment on deteriorating table manners. Whatever the message, the net result of all this choreographed sado-masochism was a vigorous surge of adrenalin and a cleaning bill.

**David Sinclair**

### Radio

## Chirpy cheerless chatter

I recently heard the true story of a famous Radio 2 "personality" who, having interviewed the nervous and un-showbizzy female survivor of a concentration camp, complained to the researcher who had organized the event with the words "Never send me such an amateur ever again".

Light-hearted anecdotes and quick opinions are the rungs of the mouse-wheel within which most radio interviewers choose to scamper. Those who see life as more complicated and less comfortable than is communicable by the puffaws of a snappy tale will be given short shrift.

Start The Week (Radio 4) sets the tone every Monday morning. Last Monday's choice of guests was awful: vile agents and impresarios including Dabber "I'm an old pro" Davies, Hughie "We are the servants of the public" Greene and Simon "The book's 2,000 pages - and you know how long that is" Napier-Bell cackled across each other for nearly an hour. They spoke with the sincerity of bingo callers and the practised bonhomie of international arms dealers: no amateurs, these.

Equally professional was Victor Lownes, ex-Playboy man, on A Touch of Midas (Radio 4, Monday). He felt that he had no need to remind the interviewer, William Davis, that his country house had "the largest jacuzzi in England" because Davis

should "remember well, having been many times a guest of mine there". At this revelation, halfway through the profile, the interviewer switched roles to become the over-familiar but enthusiastic bell-hop for Lownes's satisfied reminiscences. When Lownes quipped that though he had sacked a lot of people in his time it was all OK because "I did it from a great distance", Davis's scolding was as admiring as can be.

"Shirley Williams reveals to Ron Alldridge the essence of what life has taught her", was the announcer's introduction to Radio 4's Last Words (Radio 4, Wednesday). The programme lasted 13 minutes. Her three sectors of life were: what matters most is love; human beings are both insignificant yet valuable and, in a phrase she saw on the back of an African lorry, "See never dry" (Alldridge: "lovely phrase", Williams: "Mmm, lovely phrase").

Set in an ocean of wisecracks and loudmouthing, there are still small islands of thought and of truth on radio. Dr Anthony Claire's In the Psychiatrist's Chair (Radio 4, Saturday) has just begun its fifth series. Claire is an interviewer of unmatched skill. He does not expect truth to sing and dance its way around the studio in a tutu worn from anecdotes. His first guest, Sir Michael Tippett, spoke searchingly of his struggles

with love, with society, with himself and with "this everlasting obsessive bloody music". It shouldn't be so rare to be able to listen to one man speaking seriously about life on the radio. But, alas, it is.

Interviews or radio documentaries about what are usually called "sections of society", however seriously intended, face the danger that, without the visual bits and bobs that emphasize the individuality of the speaker, each interviewee is reduced simply to the spokesman for a viewpoint. A documentary about police women, A Man's Job Alone! (Radio 4, Wednesday) fell into this trap. There was not a single view of things that I could not have predicted. When people are turned into representatives, interest fades.

A programme about young British Jewry, The Last Link (Radio 4, Tuesday), became fascinating when it focused on two bemused liberal Jewish parents from Macclesfield whose two children are now in Israel, the son an ardent non-religious Zionist, the daughter a strict religious fundamentalist. Their predicament was isolated to themselves: they were not talking on behalf of anyone else. Worse resides in the particular and not in the general: surely this is not too hard a lesson for radio producers to learn?

**Craig Brown**

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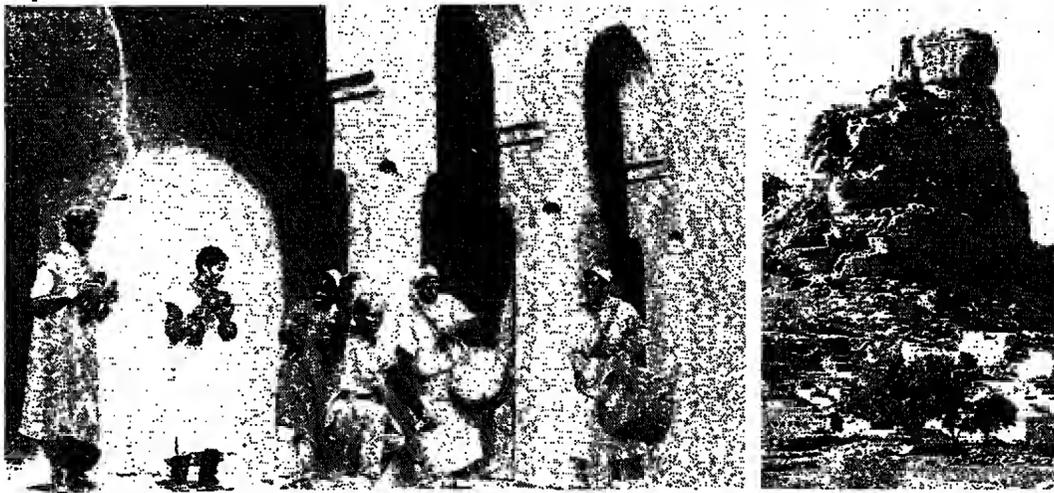
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TRAVEL



Underneath the arches: Moroccan street musicians and (right) the village of Tafroute which nestles beneath a terrifying outcrop of rock

Marching through Morocco

This was my first visit to Agadir and also, incidentally to Morocco and I was on a week's package tour.

The hotels are large and white, either built either on the biscuit-in principle, or as a quantity of bungalows set in rather shakily green bits of garden, but they are well run, clean and efficient.

The sky is largely blue and the palms and olive trees make it clear that you are abroad. The streets are full of strolling tourists, and from the stalls and shops Moroccans try by every means in their power ("You English? Come into my shop and translate a letter for me") to get them to buy anything from tangerines to beautiful leather or a carpet.

My friends had taken an apartment; I had a double room on half-board. A single woman invariably loses out in hotels. My room was almost pitch-dark at any time of the day or night.

If it had not been that, I reflected gloomily, it would have been the hottest, or the noisiest. I shared it with a most charming cat, seemingly pregnant and probably single also. She crept in through the

Organized excursions do not always live up to their promises, as Elizabeth Jane Howard discovered

Window every night and was quite difficult to wake up in the morning. There were a number of excursions to choose from, but as I had only six days we decided upon one day of going to a village in the Anti Atlas mountains, and a two-day excursion to Marrakesh, which left three for swimming, basking and sampling the local restaurants. The most enjoyable, the Restaurant la Pierre du Soud, was about 30 minutes' walk into town. It specialized in Moroccan food - couscous, kebabs and tagine - and was comfortably full of French. It was inexpensive and very good.

We set off for the village called Tafroute early in the morning, driving at first through unexpectedly green agricultural land where quantities of vegetables and tomatoes are grown. In the foothills of the mountains the country gradually became wilder, less green, with rocks and reddish earth, cactus and the sturdy thorn trees called *alghon* which were amazingly encrusted with elegant black goats who climb them to feed upon the fruit.

There were steep plantations of almond trees - a ravishing sight, as however small were some of the trees, they were all in flower, every shade from dark brilliant pink to nearly white. We stopped in a village called Tizit which, we were told, was famous for its silver market but our guide, a formidable Belgian lady,

said there was no time to visit it so we made do with mint tea and moved on. By now it was hot but we were climbing steeply and at about 6.300 feet we were taken on a rather comic - and pointless - visit to a castle/hotel/folly built, or rather half-built, by the owner of a supermarket in Agadir. It was a place of perpetual wind and with a view whose chief virtue was that there was a lot of it. We were hurried on to Tafroute and lunch in the sun. The chief feature of Tafroute were the terrifying rocks and boulders that were poised over the pink and yellow houses, as though an avalanche had been frozen in mid-hurtle. Not a restful situation, in spite of the palms and olive trees. By the time we got back to Agadir we had driven nearly 200 miles, which included a great many hairpin bends. There was no time for lolling about or exploring, but then excursions are like that. I was glad of a day off before tackling Marrakesh.

Another early start. This time our guide was a dashing but essentially melancholy young Berber who did his level best to keep us informed during the four-hour drive - through mountains again, across a large plateau with a reservoir, and then down miles of a straightish road edged with eucalyptus trees into Marrakesh, ending up at a large hotel where they did not seem at all pleased to see us. We were provided with a fairly nasty lunch and then herded into the bus again for sightseeing. I had been looking forward to Marrakesh, but in fact it was both daunting and disappointing. To start with, we drove to the tourist HQ because our guide said he was not allowed to guide us in the souk, we had to have someone local.

This proved difficult but eventually a guide was found. We drove to the old part of the town and started to walk through a maze of narrow streets that became the souk. It was explained that we could not stop to buy anything in the

souk, that we must make an effort to stay together and not get lost. This pretty well halved the pleasure to be got from such a place; souks are for loitering in for bargaining, for watching all the amazing encapsulated activities: five boys and men sewing shirts in a small black room with daylight only for the two nearest the street; boys beating what looked like the metal trim from motor cars into rather awful little ashtrays; hanks of wool dyed in beautiful yellows and reds and greens being hung up to dry; fruit, leather, carpets, chickens, rabbits, herbs, spices, silks, silver jewellery and beads, caftans, rolls of velvet, pyramids of eggs and lemons...

We marched through all this at military speed emerging, in my case rather sulky, in the huge square where old men, looking like the Chorus in *Henry V*, were telling stories or were enjoying rather dazed-looking cobras to behave in the way people expect cobras to behave. In the evening we were to have a Moroccan feast with Berber dancing (we were strongly discouraged from going out on the town on our own). The feast took place in what looked like a disused cinema - a sort of 1930s Odeon with carpet on the walls, and tables on various levels in the auditorium looking on to a stage. The meal was not good and it was expensive, but the show and the dancing - at least to one unaccustomed to it - was enjoyable. Full of ferocious energy and acrobatic skill.

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The coastline is clear

Turkey's southern coast is full of delights, as Henry McNulty discovered

Travellers lucky enough to remember the Costa Brava in the 1950s will be glad to know that their experience can almost be relived today - on the south coast of Turkey.

In Turkey now, as once in Spain, the natives are friendly, the prices right, the land and seascapes superbly similar. Anatolia, of course, was already a civilized area in Hittite days (when Iberia was yet uncharted) so Turkey luxuriates in fabulous ruins from all epochs.

The least costly transport of all is the *dolmus* bus. *Dolmus* means "stuffed" and that is what they are - with passengers. These vehicles, anything from an ancient limousine to an ordinary taxi, wait until they have packed every seat before taking off. Their destination is shown on a placard on the windscreen.

The most luxurious way to see the Vermilion coast is by boat. If a week-long trip in a hired yacht is too much of a good thing, there are day excursions lasting nine or ten hours on a boat with a group, for about 2,000 liras. We hired a "yacht" of our own with a two-man crew and stopped wherever we wished for a swim in the limpid water for 25,000 liras (about £25) a day.

For long open beaches, Alanya, with two huge scimitars of sand about 150 kilometres east of Antalya airport, would be hard to better. Alanya has several simple, modern hotels and under its handsome Seljuk fortress are several curious grotesques visible by boat.

Travelling westward, a site not to miss is Side, with a fine beach and a top-notch hotel, the *Turk Side* itself is a tiny village built among Greek and Roman ruins - its museum is in a one-time Roman bath. Twenty kilometres further on,



Talking Turkey: time to chat, at ease in Anatolia



at Aspendos, a huge Roman theatre stands almost intact and the hot climb up to Aspendos's acropolis is worth the effort. Antalya, the biggest modern city on this part of the coast, is full of traffic and tourists, but has a charming up-dated old port. We whipped through it to go on to peaceful Phaselis, after which the road winds through scenic bays, up and down cliffs, to Kas, a tiny, hardly discovered seaside village.

Hotels are scarce. Ours, the Turkish Airlines, 11 Hanover Street, London W1 (01-499 9747) fly to Antalya or Dalaman airports. Return fares start at £400 return. Sunquest Holidays, 9 Aldine Street, London W2 (01-749 9911) will arrange expeditions to suit most requirements - air transport, only, hotels and land travel, or a packaged tour. Turkish buses are fast and cheap: Istanbul to Antalya (700 kilometres) costs about £4.

Yenicer, though extremely basic, was the best in town with - as the owner proudly declared, "your own balcony" (about three feet square). We took a boat ride to Kekova, along the coast, over a "sunken city" forcibly relocated by an earthquake, to lunch delectably on fresh seafood at a grape-arbour restaurant under a Seljuk fortress.

Fethiye itself, though wrecked in an earthquake some years ago, is worth waiting for, sited as it is on a lovely landlocked bay. We took an all-day boat tour of the bay's 12 islands, and to the attractive beach at Oludeniz that appears on many a Turkish tourist poster. One privately owned island not only had its own beach and mansion but a private Greek ruin beside it. Another was "Pig Island", home of wild boars (which the Turks, being Muslims, don't eat). "Easy to catch them, though", was the captain's tip, "as they swim from island to island".

TRAVEL NOTES

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Summer bargains

Conwy Valley has dropped its rate for dinner, bed and breakfast from £30 to £22 per night. Information from the Welsh Tourist Board on 0492 34626.

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TRAVEL NEWS

The shortage of American visitors to Britain this year is producing plenty of last-minute bargains on UK holidays. The Thistle group has introduced weekend and mid-week breaks offering a double room for the price of a single at all its 30 hotels in England and Scotland; an hotel in the

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SHOPPING

Write on, with a pen

Home thoughts from abroad are likely to be more legible this month. Manufacturers and retailers are reporting big increases in the sales of expensive fountain pens as the British adopt the European idea that a pen should be classed as a piece of jewellery. Mont Blanc started it all when their black Meisterstück became a status symbol - much too fat for small fingers, but impressive when wielded by a merchant banker with hands like Orson Welles. Now top designers and famous firms are finding that penmanship pays - Yves St Laurent, Cartier, Ferrari, Porsche and Dunhill all have pens in their accessory ranges. Most manufacturers also offer matching ballpoints or the newer and increasingly popular rollerball pens. These have liquid ink in the refill which is released in controlled

amounts, giving a flow like a fountain pen with the convenience of a ballpoint, with its thicker and stickier ink. Fibre tips, which are filled with wadding, have a small but devoted following, particularly among artists and those who like very fine lines, but these too are being replaced by rollerballs. Parker, a famous name making a comeback with 73 new models this year, are now only making refills for existing fibre tips and will not be introducing new ones. They

are concentrating on fountain pens, roller-balls and ball-points. From the top of the range Premier Noir at £100 to the modern young Arrow Black at £40. In fashion terms Lamy, from Germany, is the flavour of the season in streamlined black or white from those monochromatic gurus of style, Oggetti and Joseph Four La Maison, and now at the new Lefax shop in Covent Garden where there is a range of pens to complement their loose-leaf binders. Specialist shops and departments are the places to find the best collections and advice rather than chain stations. In spite of the fact that pens, like umbrellas, are eminently losable, people are paying more and more for a combination of class and efficiency. The average price paid is £49 to £89 and at Harrods 50 per cent of these sales are in fountain pens. For this you will get a gold nib, which helps your handwriting because of its flexibility, but you can have the whole thing in gold if you are willing to pay £3,000 for an 18ct Mont Blanc Meisterstück. At that price you need to know that your pen is the perfect expression of your personality and handwriting, and if you are confused by the hundreds of models available you could visit Penfriend. Here the owner, Peter Woolf, will study the way you hold a pen, the angle of your writing and the size of your hands so that he can recommend the ideal choice. The great, great, great-



grandson of a London quill-maker, he has been a pen collector for 20 years and his enthusiasm is infectious. He will show you early fountain pens that had to be filled with an eye-dropper, a beautiful Georgian dip pen in tortoiseshell inlaid with gold (£350), Victorian pens with a tiny Stanhope spy glass in the top. Hold it to the light and you see various views, from Eastbourne to the Eiffel Tower (£28 to £48). Penfriend claims to be the largest pen repairer in Europe, and in its old-fashioned workshop has boxes full of out-

moded parts for all types of pens, including Conway Stewart Dinkies, Watermans, who invented the fountain pen, and the famous Parker 51. Parker say 65 per cent of all pens are bought as gifts, so are all these fountain pens being used or are they just for show? Are people really giving up the ubiquitous Biro? "No question", says Peter Woolf. "Even students are coming to us because examiners are fed up with reading papers written in one boring line. Handwriting has much more character when a fountain pen is used."

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IN THE GARDEN

Myths of moths and caterpillars

Only a week ago, I counted seven huge and resplendent caterpillars more than an inch long, pale grey, with yellow bands and black spots, feeding on the flowering spikes of my mullein plants. The bold caterpillars were the larvae of the shy and reclusive mullein moth. As they didn't appear to eat very fast or do much damage I left them alone but, much as I bug-watched, I never found the chrysalides nor had even a fleeting glimpse of the moths. Plume moths, white feathery wraiths, compel admiration, but large numbers of them should tell a gardener to seek out that troublesome weed, hedge bindweed, whose sole saving grace is that it is the food plant of the white plume moth larvae. The exquisite swallow-tailed moth, which has wings like cream silk, and the dramatic garden tiger moth, red and white with its characteristic dark brown tiger blotches, appeared for the first time in our garden this summer. These feed on weed and hedge plants and are no headache for the gardener, unlike the sawflies (more than a thousand species of them) whose caterpillar-like larvae attack roses, turnips, strawberries,

gooseberries, and many garden flowers. We were very little troubled by fruit pests this summer but significant caterpillar attacks should be countered by spraying as soon as they become apparent. (Try liquid derris for small ones, and pyrethrum for large beasts.) Wasps, which up to now have been assiduously feeding their young on aphids and caterpillars, are beginning to widen their search to the dismay of food gardeners and picnickers alike.

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- As the summer raspberries finish fruiting, cut out the old canes. Start a new strawberry now, so that the plants will get established and produce a crop next year. Cut back shoots with withered or dwarf leaves on all kinds of currant bushes.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Senses fired by sumptuousness

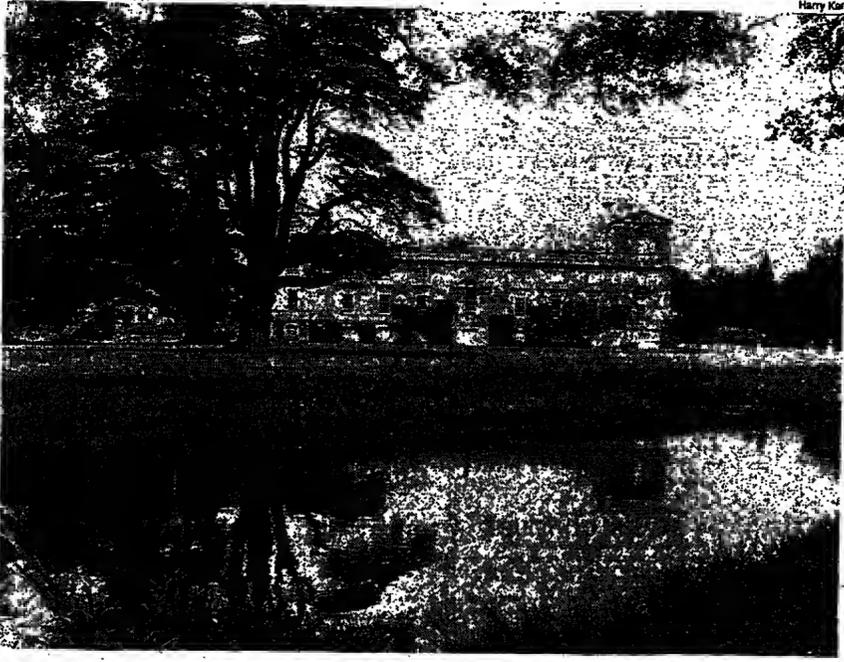
The treasures of Wilton gave Nigel Andrew a sense of its glorious past

Wilton, the seat of the Earls of Pembroke, is a house that can soon exhaust a person's stock of superlatives. It has that aura of poised perfection which you seldom find even in the stately of stately homes.

The genius whose design still gives Wilton its particular flavour was Inigo Jones, that one-man revolution in English architecture. He was an old man when he took on the job and he died before it was finished, but the results are astonishing — an elegantly simple but perfectly satisfying exterior, and a dazzlingly gorgeous interior.

The imagination is certainly set on fire in the two grandest of the grand state rooms — the Single Cube Room and the famous Double Cube Room. The first of these is a 30ft cube of white and gold paneled walls, elaborate decoration and sumptuously painted ceiling.

Through the window you can see the great lawn with its tremendous cedars. This is where the Royals arrive by helicopter when they drop in to see the Earl. He, lucky man, often fishes for trout before breakfast in the river at the



The wonder of Wilton: the stately of stately homes, whose setting is as stunning as the treasure behind its elegant facade

foot of the lawn. And his children, when younger, used to roller-skate in the elegant cloisters added to the house by Wyatt.

Imagine! Past the Breughels and the Richard Wilsons, past Napoleon's dispatch case and the lock of Queen Elizabeth's hair and the autograph poem by Sidney. Yes — the cloisters alone have more treasures than many a respectable stately home — has accumulated. And they are only the start.

But the wonder of Wilton is still the extraordinary Double Cube Room. There is nothing quite like it anywhere in England, and even the Single

Cube cannot prepare you for its impact. Although it is only twice the length of its junior partner, the effect is of an immense space — and of an even more glorious decorative scheme, with huge dark Van Dyck portraits set into the white and gold walls, and the story of Perseus covering the immense, richly wrought ceiling.

It is just the same today as when it was built, and the addition of plush and gilt furniture (by Kent and Chippendale) is perfectly in keeping. The huge sofa at one end is where the Russian Catherine Woronzow, wife of the 11th Earl, used to sit,

surrounded entirely by her dogs. Finding herself with many daughters to marry off, she ordered the Double Cube to be a ballroom — which did the trick.

During the last war, when Wilton was the secret headquarters of Southern Command, where much of the advance planning for D-Day was done. The army occupation has left surprisingly little trace, though in another room you can still see damage to the ceiling caused by an officer's overflowing bath.

The rest of Wilton is almost as overwhelming as the Dou-

ble Cube Room, but for a different reason — the sheer quantity of superb paintings hanging thickly on the walls. Rembrandt, Rubens, Hals, Andrea del Sarto, Ribera — every room is like a corner of the National Gallery (though a great deal better looking). There are more homely items too — Catherine Woronzow's Russian sleigh, even Fred Astaire's dancing shoes — but the aesthetic senses are certainly reeling by the time you step out on to the lawn.

I recommend sitting by the river for a while. There you can have a closer look at the exquisitely beautiful Palladian bridge, designed by the ninth

IN THE TOWN

The little town of Wilton, which sits at the gates of the House, is well worth exploring. The parish church has to be seen to be believed — St Mary and St Nicholas, built in the 1840s by the 1st Baron Herbert, is huge, utterly improbable, and stuffed with treasures from all over Europe. The remains of the old parish church overlook the bustling market square.

There is a green, unfortunately bisected by the busy main road, and all the main streets have some handsome old houses, both timber-framed and stone-built. There is a tea room, the Copper Kettle on West Street, and the town has several good pubs, including the Greyhound on Market Square and — the big one, right opposite the gates — the Pembroke Arms, which does a decent cheapish lunch.

And of course there is the Wilton Royal Carpet Factory, established by the eighth Earl to provide local employment, and still going strong. Less than three miles away, what's more, is the city of Salisbury, which is among English cities roughly what Wilton is among stately homes. In fact Wilton, chartered in 1130, can claim to be an older town than Salisbury. Enough said.

Earl. He was one of many accomplished patrons and connoisseurs in the family line — not least the third and fourth Earls — "the incomparable pair of brethren" to whom Shakespeare's First Folio is dedicated, and Mary Sidney, sister of Philip and wife of the second Earl. She may well have commissioned the first performance of *As You Like It*, in the courtyard at Wilton. And what better setting could there have been?

Wilton House, near Salisbury, is open until Oct 12 — Tues-Sat and Bank Holiday Mondays 11am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm.

OUTINGS

GREENWICH CLIPPER WEEKS: Events on and around the River Thames include barge, tall ship and dinghy races, river cruises, children's workshops, films at the National Maritime Museum and "have a go" sessions in angling, rowing, canoeing, sub-aqua exploration and sailing at the Aquatic Centre in Woolwich.

FUNDAY: Free show for all visitors to Covent Garden. Attractions include the Waddington double decker play-world bus, miniature tramway layout with working models, and a chance to "drive" a full-size tram with motors running.

SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW: Third largest flower show in the country with more than 4,000 blooms on display.

Supporting events include live music and show jumping. Quarry Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire (0743 84051). Today, 10am-9.30pm. Adult 64, child 11.50.

NUNHEAD CEMETERY OPEN DAY: Conducted tours of the 52-acre Victorian cemetery at 11.30am and 2.30pm, exhibition of the history and wildlife of the site, demonstrations of practical conservation work, genealogy enquiry desk, memorial stone and tree-bark rubbing, competition trails and refreshments throughout.

GARLIC FESTIVAL: One-day event to learn more about garlic's many culinary uses and creative powers. Also a garlic gripping contest, garlic queen, stalls, sideshows and refreshments.

Judy Froshaug

WEEKEND WALK

VALE OF GLAMORGAN: Distance: 8 miles. For walkers fed up with oilseed rape I recommend the Vale of Glamorgan, south of the market town of Cowbridge. Here small thickly-hedged pastures cross intimate rolling hills with never a trace of rape, just gentle cattle cropping the rich grasses.



Cowbridge has a long High Street of mainly Georgian houses, which become more cottagey as you head east to reach the path over the fields to St Hilary, a picturesque village, part stone and part render and slate, with a fine church. South-west out of the village walk down the lane to where a footpath leads to Beaupre Castle, pronounced "Booper" locally, a medieval manor house turned into a courtyard mansion by Richard Bassett in the late 16th century with a fine coloured inner porch.

Walk through small fields over to Llanmihangel before turning south-west through

the wood. Follow a green lane, cross meadows and emerge at Llanmihangel with its superb 16th-century stone manor house opposite an intimate parish church. A stroll along a wooded lane leads to Stipstone and lunch at the Victoria pub. Afterwards walk north-east to Llanmihangel. The church is on the western hill facing the romantic ruin of the castle gatehouse across the steep river valley. A short walk along the river bank and we are back in Cowbridge.

Martin Andrew

GUEST COOK

Waking up to a feast of fun and fungi

In the third of our summer series by top chefs, IAN and SUSAN WEEKS cook a luxurious Sunday breakfast for themselves and their son. Their restaurant, Weeks at Glemsford in Suffolk, earns high praise in the Good Food Guide

"How do you stay slim with all this delicious food around?" We are asked that question at least twice a week, yet it always takes us by surprise. The answer is so simple — when we're busy there is no time to eat and when we're not, the last thing that we wish to do is to cook restaurant meals for ourselves.

We originally entered the business because we enjoyed food and entertaining, but now we have little time or inclination to indulge ourselves. Eating out isn't the answer, being in a restaurant five evenings a week is sufficient. The real pleasure comes from being invited to dinner by friends, some of whom are also restaurateurs and share the same pressures and problems, to enjoy a relaxing evening where the social occasion is at least as important as the food.

There is, however, one time during the week, when, if all the right factors combine, we spoil ourselves and cook Sunday breakfast.

The essence of the meal is simplicity, spontaneity, and

cooperation. It is strictly a family affair with our three-year-old son, Paul, setting the table, and leaving us in no doubt of his preferences.

Freshly squeezed fruit juices, orange for Ian and me, pink grapefruit for Paul, help to awaken us while we prepare our main dish. This is where the cooperation is essential: scrambled eggs need constant supervision and the kidneys need to be cooked quickly.

Scrambled egg filled parsnip mushrooms and calves' kidneys with red wine vinegar

- Serves three
8 free range eggs
Small knob of butter
Freshly milled sea-salt and black pepper
Wild parsley
2 small or 1 larger calf's kidney
2 parsnips red wine vinegar (home made if possible)
3 large parsnip or field mushrooms
Clarified butter, olive oil or a mixture of the two



Making a meal of mushrooms: Susan, Paul and Ian Weeks with the fruits of a successful morning's hunt in the woods

Remove all suet and membrane from the kidneys. Cut them into four, length-ways, to facilitate the removal of the core and slice them thinly (1/2cm). Season with pepper.

Freight the grill. Begin to cook the mushrooms in a little clarified butter over a moderate flame in a cast iron pan. Season them with salt and pepper, add a squeeze of lemon juice and place them under a gentle grill until cooked. Cover and keep warm.

Meanwhile break six eggs into a bowl and beat them with a fork until yolk and white are amalgamated. Do not over beat or incorporate air. Melt a small knob of butter in a heavy pan over a low heat, add the eggs and stir

continuously until a thick, creamy consistency is achieved. Cool the pan by dipping it into cold water to prevent overcooking. Season, add freshly snipped parsley and fill the parsnips.

When the eggs are almost ready, fry the kidneys over a high flame in clarified butter or oil. This must be done very quickly. They should be rosy pink. Season them and keep warm.

De-glaze the pan with wine vinegar, adding any escaped juices from mushrooms or kidneys. Pour this over the parsnips, mushrooms. Triangles of fried bread are an excellent accompaniment if time allows.

Interesting fungi come to us courtesy of Michael and Victoria Stephenson, who have an excellent restaurant near to ancient woodlands rich with mushroom territory.

Prime locations are kept secret, but we have been introduced to less productive areas. To compensate for depriving us of this valuable knowledge, Victoria gives us unusual preserves based on ingredients from her kitchen garden.

These feature strongly in any good breakfast, served with either warm brioche or freshly made drop-scones. The batter for the scones takes very little time to make whilst other parts of the breakfast are being organized. We eat them as they come from the griddle.

- Drop-scones
Serves three
85g (3oz) plain flour
Pinch of salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons castor sugar
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 egg yolk
120ml (4 1/2 oz) fresh milk

The batter may be made while the griddle is being heated. Stir the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl, make a well in the centre, and add the egg yolk and melted butter. Gradually add the milk, beating well.

Lightly grease the heated griddle (or heavy frying pan), and drop spoonfuls of the mixture on to it to give perfectly rounded scones. As soon as they are puffed and brown them lightly on the other side. If they have to be kept warm, use the folds of a clean napkin.

- Victoria's damson and geranium leaf jam
Makes about 4.5kg (10lb)
2.3kg (5lb) damsons
2.7kg (6lb) preserving sugar
A handful of rose geranium leaves tied in muslin

Warm the sugar in a low oven. Place the damsons in a preserving pan with 900ml (1 1/2 pints) of water and the leaves. Simmer together for 30 minutes, by which time the sugar will be warm enough to add. When the sugar has been added, bring everything gently to a rolling boil, stirring continuously.

When the rolling boil has been achieved, the stones may be skimmed off. Test for setting point by watching drops fall off a wooden spoon. When it falls from the spoon in large drops, place a small amount of jam on to a saucer to confirm that the setting point has been reached. (Damsions are high in pectin and are a good introduction to jam-making.)

Clean and sterilize the jars while the jam is boiling. Keep them warm in the oven. Remove the muslin and pot the jam, topping each jar with a fresh rose geranium leaf. Cover with greaseproof paper immediately, but allow the pots to cool completely before sealing. Store in a cool, dry, and dark place.

A large pot of freshly roasted African coffee, maybe a Kenyan, compliments the sweeter part of the breakfast. We use a Cafetiere and grind the coffee immediately before pouring on the water. Having the time to spend on a mere breakfast for ourselves makes us feel quite pampered, even if we do have to wash up afterwards, and we are well prepared for the day ahead.

DRINK

Gin sling for a summer fling

One of the greatest disappointments in my drinking life was ordering a Singapore Sling at Raffles Hotel in Singapore.

Bad enough that the dilapidated interior no longer lived up to the old colonial days, even if the fan-tailed travellers palms and ornate white frontage did. But the real let-down came in the famous Long Bar where the Singapore Sling was invented. Instead of a delicious mixture, reminiscent of the Empire, what eventually turned up was a disgustingly sweet concoction gaudily garnished with a piece of purple pineapple and an emerald-green swizzle stick.

A sling (principally a mixture of gin, soda water and sugar) is still one of the most summery tipples there is. The original and, in my opinion, most delicious version consists of two parts gin, one part cherry brandy and one part lemon juice poured into the bottom of a tall glass and topped up with soda water. Avoiding the extra shot of sugar syrup makes it a refreshingly dry and thirst-quenching drink.

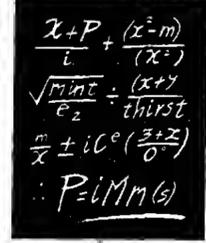
The most famous English version of the gin sling was that invented in the 1880s by James Pimm, a London restaurateur. His creation blended with Beaugues and herbs is very different to that of a classic gin sling.

Today's 31.4 per cent alcohol version is, I think, expensive for what it is, costing roughly the same price per bottle as gin but at almost 10 per cent less alcohol. To my taste buds, at least, today's Pimm's gin-based No 1 Cup appears to be a blend of gin, herbs and not least a hefty slug of an orange-based liqueur. I make a passable, and inexpensive, imitation by adding one third of any French or Italian red vermouth to two thirds gin and then topping up with fizzy lemonade plus slices of orange and lemon and cucumber in the usual way.

Sprigs of mint and borage are an essential extra summer ingredient in this drink. And

by the time all the items have been combined together none of my guests has ever noticed the difference. With everyone's garden, window box or sill overflowing with herbs it is pleasant to re-route a few into your glass as well as the salad bowl. A champagne julup is a luxurious variation on an old theme.

Simply take two sprigs of fresh young mint and crush in the bottom of a tall glass with



a teaspoon of sugar, topping up with any good, dry sparkling wine such as G F Cavalier Brut or champagne if you are feeling indulgent. The only wine based mixture that I actively dislike is a champagne cocktail, made from brandy and champagne, that is death to its costly ingredients and to your system the following day.

Infinitely more pleasurable is a Kir Royale that also uses champagne as its base but which the French, and the Parisians in particular, tend to drown beneath an inch or more of crème de cassis.

My version consists of pouring the smallest teaspoon-like splash of crème de cassis, or blackcurrant liqueur, into the bottom of a glass and then topping up with champagne (or more usually a cheap, dry fizz such as G F Cavalier Brut priced around £2.59 from Oddhins or Majestic Wine Warehouses). The end result is then a pale hazy-pink rather than deep purple red and utterly delicious.

Jane MacQuitty

EATING OUT

From a go-go girl to French cuisine

The extent to which restaurants have become a metropolitan craze is tidily illustrated in Chiswick. This quarter of west London includes an area called Chiswick Village with some fine, tile-hung houses nearing their century and near the High Road streets of "quiver cottages" with louvred shutters and mauve front doors.

The restaurants that now line the High Road are fighting for the same cake that existed 10 years ago, when there was hardly any contest at all: then there was a Turkish joint with a go-go dancer posing as a belly dancer (she came from Gloucestershire), and a bistrot with a good line in candlewax with everything.

Now there are a dozen or more establishments on or close to the High Road and they all appear to be thriving, one gets the feeling that each of the restaurants has a fix on a

specific slice of the potential custom.

It would be difficult, for instance, to imagine devotees of Mirage being much taken with Le Picotin, and vice versa. If you are a fan of Le Picotin you no doubt feel that Mirage is too smooth, that it looks like the sort of cocktail bar which serves petrol-coloured drinks named by bad gag writers.

And so it does, up to a point: it has the inevitable grey walls with tawdry pictures and an all-male staff who look as though they know just how shaggy moustaches have to be this year. But it also serves some useful dishes: the fancy ones are the best. The straightforwardly prepared vegetables were horrible — underdone potatoes (is this

Chiswick, once a gastronomic desert, now caters for every taste, says Jonathan Meades



A large starter of monkfish, salmon, langoustine and prawns in a wine and cream sauce was a thoroughly superior version of this cliché: a chicken breast was perfectly roasted, sauced with saffron and cream and served with a pilnch of Uncle Ben-type rice — the idea was camp, the result was excellent. £47 for two.

Le Picotin was probably not set up as the wilful antithesis of all this but might as well have been. It is, decoratively, late period Peace Convoy — hurriedly done by the cack-handed under the direction of the colour-blind: apple green walls, bare brick, red chairs. Service is by a couple of efficient young women and the cooking is done by someone who comes (I overheard) from St Etienne and I imagine that he trained with his mother.

What is served here is the sort of meal that would be served in countless homes in St Etienne: rabbit chopped up by an eager axeman and cooked in wine, tomato, little onion, no garlic, an outstanding sauté of beef with courgettes and peppers; a variation on croque-monsieur, of Gruyère, ham and mushroom in a puff pastry envelope; a simple kebap of chicken chunks marinated in honey and cider; a gobletful of runny chocolate mousse.

The cheeses have nothing to do with St Etienne except that they include Bleu d'Auvergne and are stingily portioned — the Auvergnat is traditionally reputed to be France's meanest meal, £33-£40 for two. Mirage, 155 Chiswick High Road, London W4 (01-995 1656). Open: Tues-Fri 12.30-2.00pm, Mon-Sat 7-11pm, La Picotin, 4 Elliott Road, London W4 (01-995 2408). Open: Tues-Sun 7-10.45pm.

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Rock and jazz records

REVIEW

Hip hop given the Run around

Run D. M. C. Raising Hell London LONLP 21) Sigsig Sigsig Sputnik Flaut It Parlophone PCS7305) The Lounge Lizards Big Heart Jive in Tokyo (Island IMA 20)

Following the first UK Fresh festival at Wembley Arena last month, hip hop/electro has achieved a new widespread recognition in Britain. It is an impressive, rubric generally describing a mix of ingenious, improvised skills that have emerged from the 1980s New York black funk and dance-floor scene.

At its best, hip hop offers an invigorating patchwork of urban electronic street sounds pound together with the same implacable, steady funk beat. The rhythm, it is the sort of music that reminds one of the early battle cry of punk rock's critics: "They can't sing and it all sounds the same".

But what finally distinguishes hip hop from so many of the tired trends and threadbare constructions of modern rock is the vitality of the performances, and for the best example of a band playing hip hop music as though it was invented yesterday (which in rock terms it was) look no further than Run D. M. C.'s Raising Hell.

This is the third album by the trio from Queens, New York, and confirms their position as far and away the leading hip-hop exponents at present: it is already the best-selling rap album ever released in America. The reasons for their pre-eminence are not hard to divine: they really do play harder, sharper and better than the rest.

Even by the standards of his boastful genre, their lyrics would make a peacock blush. But their wit and incisive approach make it difficult to



Leaders of the rap pack: Run D. M. C. — the most accomplished exponents of hip hop

take issue with their vanities. "Peter Piper" and "My Adidas" are minimalist celebrations of the funk beat with sprightly clanking percussion and, on "My Adidas", a deeply malevolent bass figure. "It's Tricky" and "Raising Hell" add rock guitar to the battle field and they are joined by Steven Tyler and Joe Perry on an outstanding version of an old Aerosmith song "Walk This Way", an irresistible combination of rock and rap.

The majority of hip hop acts have so far found success via singles which are often collected together on compilation albums. The Street Sounds label has one such compilation, featuring most of the acts that appeared at the Wembley festival, due for "imminent" release, but judging by that company's ineptitude in meeting its release schedules it might be better for the impatient listener to seek out one or two of the best singles instead. Hashim featuring M. C. Devona's "UK Fresh '86 (The Anthem)", a 12 inch on the Streetwave label is a compelling cacophony of scratched and reverbed extracts from records, combined with tuned percussion, synthesized blasts of noise, a grumbling bass line and random domestic sounds, such as a telephone ringing, behind the bustling vocal declamations.

In many ways Sigsig Sigsig Sputnik draw on the same sources of modern techno-junk inspiration for their music and Flaut It is littered with comical intercut snatches plundered from other soundtracks, and stuttering over-dubbed voices, not to mention the inclusion of sundry advertisements between the tracks. For a band with a couple of hit singles and a few college gigs behind them, SSS are actually doing rather well, but having been promised the crown jewels, there is an inevitable tendency to feel shortchanged by this album. But the remixed singles are still good value. "Atari Baby"

- Alvin Queen Jammin' Uptown (Blue Note 8413) Art Blakey Live at Sweet Basil (Paddle Wheel K28P 6357) Benny Barron What If? (Enja 5013) Wynnton Kelly Wrinkles (Affinity AFF 151) Horace Parlan Happy Frame of Mind (Blue Note BST 84134) Leo Parker Rollin' with Leo (Blue Note BST 84095) Sen Webster At the Renaissance (Boplicity COP 026) Ellington/Hodges Side by Side (Verve B21 578-1) Jimmy Rowles Ellington by Rowles (Cymbal CYM2C, cassette only)

On its bold and brassy surface, there is not much to distinguish Jammin' Uptown from a thousand other competent hard-bop sessions in the jazz Messengers' mould. Why, then, after only two or three hearings did it feel like an old friend?

Alvin Queen leads his sextet, like Art Blakey, from the drum stool, swinging with an insistent but never intrusive sense of punctuation. The powerful pianist John Hicks and the firm bassist Ray Drummond are his accomplices, encouraging fine solos from the trumpet of Terence Blanchard, the saxophones of Manny Boyd and the trombone of Robin Eubanks.

Blanchard's "Europa" and Hicks' "Mind Wine", the latter a rhythmically bopish but melodically rich line that is reminiscent of Benny Golson's writing, provide perfect templates for intelligent improvisation. The polish of high technique is a vital ingredient, but everything on the record conveys the freshness and excitement of a first take.

Hicks and Eubanks have both made appearances with the Jazz Messengers, while Blanchard was until recently the band's musical director. Live at Sweet Basil is a 1985 New York club recording which captures his Messengers at their most impressive, tearing into the material with the sort of clearly targeted aggression that marks Blakey's bands on their best nights.

Messengers change but the melodies linger on



Blast from the recent past: targeted aggression from Terence Blanchard

The two saxophonists, Jean Toussaint (rain-cloud tenor) and Donald Harrison (green-apple alto), stretch out convincingly on Walter Davis' "Jodi" and Harrison's own "Mr Babe", two tunes whose unfamiliarity makes a pleasant contrast with the inclusion of two perhaps overworked Blakey classics, Golson's "Blues March" and Bobby Timmons' "Moanin'". Best known for noise and excitement, Blakey himself shows tremendous subtlety in the low-flame intensity of his accompaniment to Mulgrew Miller's fleet piano solo on "Jodi".

Blanchard's replacement in the new Messengers is Wallace Roney, whose trumpet can be heard in What If?, an outstanding album by the underrated pianist Kenny Barron. Beginning with a prowling quiet piece powerfully evocative of Miles Davis' mid-Sixties band and ending with a solo piano reading of Monk's "Trinkle Tinkle", this is a rounded view of Barron's varied talents.

Victor Lewis, an admirable young drummer with the panache of Philly Joe Jones, shines in a vigorous duet with the leader on Charlie Parker's "Dexterity", while another duet, this time between piano and Cecil McBee's purring bass, provides the album with its creative peak. McBee is the author of "Close to You Alone", a graceful ballad that may not have a lyric but can nevertheless only be described as a song.

The aforementioned Jones is the sparkplug of three quintet tracks from 1959 in Wrinkles, wherein the Miles Davis rhythm section of the time, led by the pianist Wynnton Kelly, meets the Jazz Messengers' front line: the ambitious partnership of Leo Morgan (trumpet) and Wayne Shorter (tenor saxophone). Overshadowed by these examples of youthful adventure, the remainder of the tracks are trio pieces full of the joyous, bluesy quality which Kelly held the patent.

Johnny Coles's sweet-toned, def-

is a ballad with a certain gorgeous charm and "Massive Retaliation" has moody promise. The advertisements are great fun and it is an album that is always good for a smile. Their only artistic mistake seems to have been a failure to confine their bragging to the grooves of the record, but once past the hype there is evidence of the makings of a good band on Flaut It.

But for seekers of the genuinely new and bizarre Big Heart Live in Tokyo by the Lounge Lizards comes a lot closer to the mark. The brainchild of the brothers John and Evan Lurie, the Lounge Lizards have since 1979 provided a forum for a shifting aggregate of jazz musicians to participate in what has been dubbed New York's "no wave" of punk (or even "fake") jazz.

The alto saxophonist and principal composer John Lurie has remarked on his passion for composing film scores, and the cracked aural vignettes on Big Heart veer neurotically between the subject matter of West Side Story and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. With horns flailing and Douglas Bowne's smacking snare drum rhythm tugging at your elbow, they romp through the title track before breaking into "Hair Street", a sleazy pastiche of big band striptease parlor music replete with lead trombone ellisions.

Lurie's saxophone playing on "It Could Have Been Very, Very Beautiful" conjures disturbing, lingering images and the humour borders on the malevolent hysteria in "The Pursuit and Judy Tango". Fake jazz it may be, but there is real passion in their moods.

David Sinclair

ficent trumpet and Booker Ervin's acridulous Texan tenor made a front line every bit as identifiable as Morgan and Shorter, and their more fleeting collaboration can be savoured in Happy Frame of Mind, a 1963 sextet recording by the pianist Horace Parlan, now available for the first time in its original form.

Chiefly known for his work with Charles Mingus in the early 1960s, Parlan also had a gospel perspective on the blues. His personal drive presses find a ready response in Grant Green's clean-lined guitar solos, propelled by the splendid team of Butch Warro (bass) and Billy Higgins (drums). "Dexi", a mode-based tune by Coles in the style of Davis' "Milestones" and "So What", has the sound of a minor classic.

Not all the current batch of Blue Note rediscoveries are of a matching standard, but the relaxed, easy-swinging ambience of Rollin' with Leo places it well above the rest of the limited output of Leo Parker, a pioneering bebop baritone saxophonist who died a few months after this 1961 sextet session. Here he receives valuable assistance from two crepuscular figures, the trumpeter Dave Barb and the tenor saxophonist Bill Swindell.

Ben Webster's At the Renaissance is another to have found its way off the shelf more than two decades after it was recorded. Frank Butler, a wonderful drummer, joins Jim Hall (guitar), Jimmy Rowles (piano) and Red Mitchell (bass) in support of the great tenorist, who rouses that unique tone to heights of majestic expression in extended versions of three standards (including a marvellous "Stardust") and a blues.

Webster is also in prime form on Side by Side, a warming slice of small-band Ellingtonia from the late 1950s now receiving a welcome reissue, while Rowles brings his rounded touch and discreet originality to bear on well known Ducal themes in Ellington by Rowles, available only on cassette.

Richard Williams

ON THE AIR



Tender touch: Calhern and Monroe in The Asphalt Jungle

Darkness falls in a dangerous city

FILMS ON TV

"If you want fresh air, don't look for it in this town." That line, spoken by one of the crooks in The Asphalt Jungle, John Huston's tough adaptation of W.R. Burnett's novel, could well stand as the summation of all that is central to film noir.

It was the French critics after the Second World War who first spotted the pervasive dark look to many of the films to emerge from Hollywood between 1941 and 1950.

Dark alleys, rainwashed streets, and low-key lighting were all part of the surface of these films, initiated by Huston's famous The Maltese Falcon. But much more important was the notion that no matter where the sleazy setting was, the film belonged as much to "the sad and dangerous city of the imagination", in Robert Warshaw's famous phrase.

The plot of The Asphalt Jungle (BBC2, tomorrow, 9.55-11.50pm) is routine stuff for this kind of thriller. A jewel robbery is masterminded by Doc Riedenschneider (Sam Jaffe) with the help of Dix (Sterling Hayden) and a cor-

rupt lawyer (Louis Calhern), whose secretary is touchingly played by Marilyn Monroe, in one of her early film roles. But double-cross and ill-fate intervene, the gang cracks up, and it all comes down to shame, dishonour, and lonely death. Blame it on the asphalt jungle. What elevates the film to the position of classic among its kind, however, is Huston's placing of his small-time crooks at the centre of meticulously-planned heist, and the rigorous exclusion of the "straight" world, such that they become heroes in search of salvation.

Gone are the entertaining grotesques of his earlier films; gone too are the claustrophobic settings. The emphasis of The Asphalt Jungle is upon the realism of his no-hopers, their shiny suits, the sweat on their foreheads and the naturalism of the urban settings.

None of Huston's later films exhibits such a smooth and uncluttered style as The Asphalt Jungle. Louis B. Mayer, whose studio made the film, said that it was full of nasty people, and that he wouldn't cross the room to see it. Now that it is on TV, you don't even have to cross the room.

Chris Peachment

Escape From Alcatraz (1979): Clint Eastwood tunnels out of Alcatraz using the warden's nail-clippers; a low-key, tense tribute to human endurance in adversity (ITV, today, 9.15-11.20pm).

Topkapi (1964): Jules Dassin's lightfooted caper with Melina Mercouri and Paul Ustunov trying to steal the Istanbul jewel. Robert Morley plays the part of an eccentric inventor (BBC1, tomorrow, 7.15-9.10pm).

Bob Williams

Playing with a star team

RADIO

The return of the much praised Barbra's People to Radio 3 brings with it a succession of extraordinarily starry casts. This is the third set of playlets by Peter Barnes and consists of eight trios. The first four are broadcast straight after the Proms this week, and just look at this glittering role call.

After The Funeral (Mon, 9.20-9.45pm) has Sean Connery, John Hurt and Donald Pleasence. The Peace of Westphalia (Tues, 9.30-9.55pm) stars Bob Peck, David Suchet and David Warner. The Real Long John Silver (Wed, 9.25-9.45pm) features Ian Carmichael, Paul Eddington and Anna Massey; and in The Hero of Diogenes (Thurs, 9.30-9.55pm) you can hear Simon Callow, Mike Givlin and Michael Hordern. Radio acting may not pay much, but actors obviously just love doing it.

Another undoubted star,

Timothy West, can be heard in Free (Radio 4, Mon, 8.15-9.45pm), a play by Nick Dear. West plays an industrialist who is kidnapped, then released for a ransom. But as he tries to reassemble his life he finds his troubles have only just begun.

Kidnapping — and worse — was once very much in the line of Billy and Seamus (Radio 4, Fri, 8.20-8.45pm). Billy was a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force and served 10 years for murder, and Seamus was an IRA terrorist who was almost killed in an SAS ambush and subsequently served seven years.

Now both men have broken with their pasts and condemn the organizations to which they belonged. They will be talking openly about their crimes, their prison experi-

Passions from the outback

TELEVISION

Perry Grainger, the Australian-born pianist who performed to subsidize his composing, will always be associated with "Country Gardens", which he grew to hate. This and other deceptively rustic compositions masked savage and obsessive passions about sex, white racial superiority and folk music.

The Noble Savage: Perry Grainger (ITV, tomorrow, 10.20-11.50pm), marking the 25th anniversary of his death, is a vibrant portrait of the man who introduced folk music to concert platforms and invented "free music".

Passions run deep in Under Capricorn (Channel 4, Wed, 9.15pm, and Thurs, 9.20-11.25pm), a rumbustious, romantic Australian costume drama set in the post-convict outback. Lisa Harrow staggers around as the beautiful but wildly drunken Lady Henrietta who eloped with an Irish groom. Samson Flusky, ruggedly played by John Hailam with a pile carpet for a beard.

In Tracition (BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.15pm) is a gruesome comedy about brutalized inmates of special schools let loose on a helpless hospital patient. Stuart Paterson's script resembles a short, sharp shock sentence with no respite.

The thin line between good neighbourliness and nosiness is crossed in Watching (BBC1, tomorrow, 9.25-10.25pm), a finely-drawn play about underhand emotions in a neat north London close. Peter Postlethwaite excels as the sales rep obsessed with law and order and gripped by Cobra-type delusions.

Channel 4's Fred Wiseman season continues on Monday (11pm-12.30am) with Basic Training, a superb black-and-white piece of cinema verité about the regimentation of scared young men into fodder for the Vietnam War.

John Evans is a survivor. He went down a Welsh pit at the age of 12, was forcibly retired from the coal face at 73 by nationalization and now, at 108, retains all his mental faculties, displayed to the full in an affectionate profile. John Evans at 108 Years (BBC2, tomorrow, 8.10-8.40pm).

Bob Williams

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1030

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, August 21, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, August 23, 1986.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Daily Mail Founder (11), 9 Promote (7), 10 Curt (5), 11 Which person (3), 13 Pear-shaped instrument (4), 16 Grass bunch (4), 17 Green woodpecker (6), 18 Spike drunk (4), 20 Body powder (4), 21 Skin jacket (6), 22 Be gloomy (4), 23 Pace (4), 25 Belonging to (4), 28 Workers' group (5), 29 Final destinations (7), 30 Pretty geranium (11). DOWN: 2 Should (5), 3 Melt (4), 4 Ship hands (4), 5 In (4), 6 Prescription (7), 7 Malaysia capital (5,6), 8 Blood poisoning (11), 12 Horse headgear (6), 14 Look over (3), 15 On the sea (6), 19 Turn over (7), 20 Rocky hill (5), 24 Farewell (5), 25 Peruvian Indian (4), 26 Male deer (4), 27 Cereal husks (4).

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The winners of this concise No 1029 are: Mrs M. Soper, Lifford, Co. Wick; Mrs. M. Smith, Farnham, Cornwall; and C. Fry, Fife Irvine, Warrington, West Sussex.

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The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword will appear in the Saturday section next week

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CHESS

Vice and virtue

I have maintained for the past two years that Kasparov and Karpov represent the revolutionary and reactionary poles of chess thought — one also exemplified by the clash in 1972 between Alekhine and Capablanca. At his pre-match press conference in London, Karpov expressly denied that Alekhine and Capablanca formed the role models for himself and the young champion. But I hold to my view.

Over-confidence is a vice to which both Alekhine and Kasparov were and are prone. In the seventh game of the current match, for example, Kasparov drifted into an uncomfortable position but his saving counter-attack was pure Alekhine.

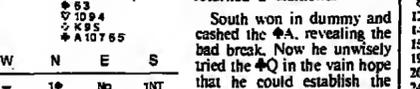
His demolition in short matches of Timman and Miles is also strangely reminiscent of Alekhine's two match wins against Bogolyubov. Bogolyubov could punish Alekhine if he went too far. But when Alekhine took him seriously, he invariably won in devastating style, as in the following game from their first match. The notes are based on Alekhine's own comments. Bogolyubov-Alekhine, World Championship Match, Wiesbaden 1929. Accelerated Queen's Indian Defence.

Check mate. Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

The switch hitch

This hand from a recent tournament illustrates that a defender should always attempt to reconstruct the unseen hands before making a critical switch. It looked an uneventful little affair at the time, but it had a conclusive effect on the match. Teams. Game all. Dealer North.



At one table East rose with the VK and returned the CV. West took his Ace and established a further heart trick by continuing with a third round. South tried a small spade from dummy, which East won with the AK. Giving the matter no thought, East switched to a club. West won the AK and cashed his heart, but when the clubs broke South took the remainder of the tricks: +120 to North-South. In the other room the play

Jeremy Flint

THE WEEK AHEAD



FILMS

LATE POST: Luchino Visconti made his debut as a director with Ossessione (PG), an Italian version of James M. Cain's The Postman Always Rings Twice, in 1942. But only now is the film getting a British commercial showing. Revoir (01-837 8402), from Friday.



GALLERIES

BOTTOMS UP: Donald McGill, uncrowned king of the raucy postcard, is among the artists represented in The End of the Pier Show, a summer exhibition of popular seaside art. It is on at the City Art Gallery, Manchester (061 236 9422), from today.



BOOKS

GIRL FRIEND: Anita Brookner, in her new novel, A Misalliance (Jonathan Cape, £9.95), focuses on a woman whose husband leaves her after 20 years of marriage. She fills her time establishing contact with a little girl and getting involved with the family's problems.



TELEVISION

TO THE DUCHY BORN: The Prince of Wales derives his income from the 130,000-acre estate belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall and he takes his role as estate manager very seriously, as Jenni Murray discovers in The Duchy of Cornwall (BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.20pm).



THEATRE

PASSION PLAY: Nuria Espert, Spain's leading actress, brings to the Edinburgh Festival her famous portrayal of the childless heroine of Yerma, the play by Lorca who died 50 years ago during the Spanish Civil War. Royal Lyceum Theatre (031 225 5756), from Monday.



CONCERTS

SPAIN SONG: MMontserrat Caballé, the Spanish soprano, forsakes the opera house for the concert platform to make her Edinburgh Festival debut in a recital of songs by Vivaldi, Granados, Rossini, Vives and Turina. Usher Hall (031 225 5756), from Friday.

TIMES CHOICE

DANCE

WARSAW BALLET: Making its British debut on Mon at the Edinburgh Festival dancing The Sleeping Beauty, staged by the Russian ballet-master Piotr Gusev. Playhouse, Edinburgh (031 225 5756).

BOLSHOI BALLET: Its Manchester season ends today; from Mon it will be in Birmingham, where The Golden Age plays alternate nights with a programme of short works and gala highlights. Palace, Manchester (061 236 9922). Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7466).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Opens a three-week season at Cambridge with a run of The Sleeping Beauty (Tues, Aug 23) starring different dancers every night. The Big Top, Jesus Green, Cambridge (advance booking 0223 68848).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Ends its London season with two performances today of Coppelia. Festival Hall (01-928 3191).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

MARLOWE: New play by Leo Rost, with music by Jimmy



Horowitz. Steve Harley (above) as Christopher Marlowe. King's Head, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916). Previews from Tues. Opens Aug 26.

OURSELVES ALONE: Third London presentation for Anne Devlin's award-winning study of three women of Northern Ireland today. Cast includes Sylvester Le Touzel, Fiona Victory, Michael Feast, Maeliosa Stafford. Royal Court (01-730 1745). Previews from Tues. Opens Aug 27.

OPENINGS

BORN IN THE U.S.A.: Market Theatre of Johannesburg in a show devised by the company with director Barney Simon, about life for seven individuals of different races after a State of Emergency is declared in the Republic of South Africa. As seen at the Edinburgh Festival and en route for New York. Tricycle (01-328 8626). Previews Tues. Opens Wed.

MARTI CAINE: West End debut of the comedienne/actress/singer in a one-woman cabaret, for three performances. Donmar Warehouse (01-240 8230). Fri, Aug 23, 24.

NIGHTSHRIEK: New musical commissioned for the company opens the National Youth Theatre summer season. Shaw (01-388 1394). Previews today, Mon. Opens Tues.

SELECTED

I'M NOT RAPPAPORTA rare chance to see Paul Scofield as a geriatric prankster in Herb Gardner's soft-edged park-bench whimsy. Apollo (01-437 2863).

LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT: Jonathan Miller's quirky production of O'Neill's doomy masterpiece. Haymarket (01-930 9832).

OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Highlights include Blood Wedding; Compañía de Jose Luis Gomez, in one of Lorca's great tragedies (Royal Lyceum Theatre); Takeda Marionette Theatre; Japanese company, founded in 1660, using string marionette and trick mechanical puppets. (Church Hill Theatre).

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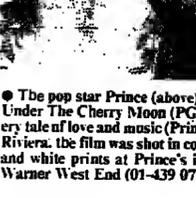
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OPERA

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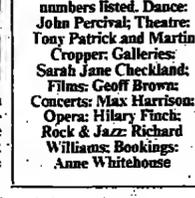
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There are problems interviewing members of the theatrical profession. Credibility is often an early casualty, as even the most trusting soul soon suspects that the limpid-eyed sincerity about "art" and "commitment" so eloquently delivered from an exquisitely formed and expertly made-up lips are really only a camouflage for the real message which is: buy a ticket for my latest film, sucker.

There was a knock on the door of Regent's Park home. Perhaps symbolically, or perhaps not, it was the biennial delivery of delicately festering North London, measure which, for £16, is spread over the tastefully planted vegetation of her small garden. "You see", she said, giggling intelligently, "the sort of juggling act one has to perform between one's professional life and being a housewife."

It is true that Mrs Jenkins - to use her housewife name - co-stars in a film directed by Arthur Penn to be released next Friday. It is called Target and I merely report that she very prettily says goodbye to her husband (Gene Hackman) and son (Matt Dillon) at Dallas-Fort Worth airport in the first few minutes and is not seen again until the final frames when she is released from a barn in East Germany where she has been trussed, gagged and wired to enough explosive to satisfy the lust of the most ambitious pyromaniac or, as in the film, dastardly caricature Nazi.

Under these circumstances, it is possible to appreciate the attractions of Watford. By coincidence, the incendiary motif of her art is now extended, in a more frivolous way, to the Greenwich Theatre where, until next Saturday she is acting as a southern belle in The Miss Firecracker Contest, a comedy by Pulitzer prize-winning playwright Beth Henley. "It's about the myth of the American dream and the idea that if

Plays, films, books, radio, TV - for Gayle Hunnicut work is the key to staying young

you win contests and are number one, you're going to be happy. I play a former beauty queen who has done it all - and I'm not happy."

And so to Watford, where next month she starts rehearsing a completely different part - a reclusive poetess who wears jeans and rides a motorbike in So Long on Lonely Street, a play by Sandra Deer, who runs an experimental theatre in Atlanta.

Last week Gayle could also be heard reading the serial on Woman's Hour. She is a voraciously hard and versatile worker who appears not only in films and on television (she will be on the small screen again next Thursday and Friday, in Strong Medicine, an adaptation of an Arthur Hailey novel) but in stage roles as diverse as Peter Pan and Hedda Gabler. She has also given poetry readings at the D. H. Lawrence Festival in Santa Fe, New Mexico, written a book (Health and Beauty in Motherhood), and is contemplating another on being an actress.

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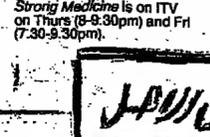
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A.C. Bailey and Miss D.E. Howlett. The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Major and Mrs N.L.L. Bailey, of St. Martins, Guernsey, and Diana, daughter of General Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howlett, of Shipton George, Dorset, and Norway.

Mr D.M. Eastwood and Miss K.M.F. Askew. The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Eastwood, of Ashford, and Kate, daughter of Canon and Mrs R.G. Askew, of Salisbury.

Mr R. Ford and Miss F. Nicholas. The engagement is announced between Robert Ford, of New York, elder son of the late Mr John Ford and Mrs Maureen Ford, of Dorking, Surrey, and Helen Nicholas, also of New York, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Nicholas, CBE, and Mrs Juliet Nicholas, of Blackheath, London.

Dr M.L. Galea and Miss F.J. Thompson. The engagement is announced between Francis, elder son of Dr and Mrs J. Galea, Rangoon, and Katie, second daughter of Mr J.C. Thompson, Divonne-les-Bains, France, and Mrs Ann Thompson, Louth, Lincolnshire.

Mr A.J. Garner and Miss E.A. Danena. The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Garner, of Kensington, London, W8, and Katharine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.V. Duncan, of Barnes, London, SW13.

Mr P. Hopper and Miss A.M. Kidd. The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr K.R. Hopper, of Bishop Auckland and Mrs E. Graham, of Darlington, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Kidd, of Woking, Surrey.

The Rev. P.A. Irwin and Miss J.E. Bellantyne. The engagement is announced between Patrick Alexander, son of the late Canon and Mrs Patrick Kevin Irwin, of Bradenoke College, Oxford, and Jane Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bellantyne, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.J. Knights and Miss G.B. Taylor. The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Knights, of Chesham Bois and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Taylor, of Harpenden.

Mr S.D. Morley and Miss S. Gage. The engagement is announced between Shirling, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.D. Morley, of Colchester, Essex, and Samantha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gage, of Halstead, Essex.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the opening concert of the Swindon Festival at Farrington Park, Swindon, on September 27.

The Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his birthday today.

Lieutenant-Commander A.L. McFarlane, RN, and Miss A.C. Edmonds. The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian H. McFarlane, of Tyrell's Wood, Leatherhead, Surrey, and Anne Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank C.E. Edmonds, of Home, Haslow Down, East Sussex.

Mr P.R. Palmer and Miss J. Thornton. The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mrs R. Palmer, of Norwich, and the youngest daughter of Mrs Thornton, Norwich, and the late Mr G.G. Thornton.

Mr R. Wragg and Miss S. FitzGerald. The engagement is announced between Rupert Norman, son of the late Mr Frederick Robert Wragg and Mrs Timothy Wragg, and Sara Brigetta Stephanie, daughter of Mr Haughton Keane FitzGerald and Mrs Alison Manley.

Dr L.M. Balfour-Lynn and Miss J.M. Swarbrick. The marriage took place on Saturday August 10, 1968, at the Church of the Holy Name, Claygate, of Mr Nicholas Jeremy Ricks, son of the late Mr G.N. Ricks and of Mrs E. Ricks, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Paul, daughter of Mr R.T. Paul and Mrs J. Paul.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mrs Sharon Fraser, Miss Karen Zimmerman, Mrs Karen Fraser, Miss Emma Coward, Mr Roger Morgan was best man.

Mr R.W. Murray and Miss A.M. Weller. The marriage took place yesterday at St Peter's, Hambledon, between Mr Rupert Murray, son of the late Lieutenant Commander Hugh Murray and of Mrs Anita Murray, of Singapore, and Miss Alexandra Weller, elder daughter of Major Denis Weller, of Feathercombe, Hambledon, Surrey, and Christine Lady Viscountess of Farm Park, Kensington, Canon Peter Sertin officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicholas Li and Juliet Parker. Mr. William Battersby was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be abroad.

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RICHARDS - On 13th August at Royal Free Hospital to Almina (nee Gattard) and Malcolm, a daughter Lucy Charlotte.

TAYLOR - On August 11th, in Nottingham, to Shirley, daughter of Horrocks and Garry, a son, Michael Jeremy, a brother for Alice.

WALKER - On August 11th, to Laura (nee Hogg) and David, son, Sean Alexander Malcolm, a brother for Zita.

WEST - On 8th August, to Susan (nee Ankers) and Peter, a daughter, Anna, a sister to James and Lou.

DEATHS

ALLIEN - On 12th August, 1968 peacefully at home, George, 78, of 12, Clarendon Road, Clarendon, Clarendon, Clarendon.

BELLARS - On August 14th, 1968, very peacefully at his home in 12, Clarendon Road, Clarendon, Clarendon.

BROWN - On 14th August, peacefully, at Clatwick Park Hospital, Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

CLARKE - On August 13th, 1968, at Clatwick Park Hospital, Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

ESKANE, Gerald (Sam), O.B.E., T.D. Loved and loving husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully at his home, 35 High St. Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

FRASER - On August 12th, 1968, at Clatwick Park Hospital, Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

GEORGE - On August 12th, 1968, at Clatwick Park Hospital, Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

Gerald Hudson Tradition and creativity in conflict

On February 20, 1861, Mr Henry Sidgwick wrote a letter to The Times: "May I address a few words to you on behalf of the thinking folk of England? A large portion of the laity now, though unqualified for abstract theological investigation, are yet competent to hear and decide on theological argument. They do not seek what is safe but what is true."

His very reasonable request was made in response to the book Essays and Reviews which was published that year. By present day standards this is a very tame book indeed. But when like Dr Benjamin Jowett were raising questions in areas where the very act of questioning was regarded with suspicion.

The suggestion that biblical inspiration was not necessarily meant the verbal inerrancy of every part of Scripture was itself shocking. So were the doubts expressed about the doctrine of eternal punishment. If questions such as these were to be admitted where would it all end?

The spectacle of institutional religion on the defensive is never very edifying. Those who take upon themselves the mantle of defenders of the faith, those who are swiftest to discern heresy, are so often those who with hindsight stand convicted of bigotry.

Such a one was the Archbishop of Taunton, a certain Archdeacon Denison, who, in the face of the panic caused by Essays and Reviews, persuaded the Lower House of Convocation to appoint a committee to examine and condemn the dangerous tendencies implicit in this book.

In his speech to Convocation he described it as containing "all the poison which is to be found in Tom Paine's Age of Reason, while it has the additional disadvantage of having been written by clergymen."

So Essays and Reviews was condemned by the Lower House of Convocation and a manifesto of 24 bishops: Bishop Westcott, while not himself subscribing to many of the views of the essayists, put his finger on the real

problem. Which was that religion, if it is to prosper, needs an atmosphere of free enquiry.

"If the writers are in error," Westcott said, "I am most anxious to see the error calmly and clearly pointed out and not merely shrieked at. As far as I can see those who have written against the essayists have been profoundly ignorant of the elements of the difficulties out of which the essays have sprung."

The simmering had begun. There were basically two things calculated to keep the pot on the boil. The first was biblical criticism. Here were the initial attempts to study the documents of the Old Testament (and to a much lesser extent the New Testament) as the products of their own time, and the discovery that they contained myth and legend and folk story as well as an idealized history of the people of Israel.

And then, secondly, Darwinism was suggesting an entirely new and disturbing view of creation as a continuing evolutionary process.

Throughout the 1880s a group of Anglican theologians met together regularly and attempted to grapple with the problem. What seemed to be needed was a reinterpretation of Christianity which took some account of biblical scholarship and the new understanding of scientific thought. Their aim, in the words of Canon Henry Scott Holland, was "not to convert a hostile disbelief but to succour a distressed faith, by endeavouring to bring the Christian creed into its right relation to the modern growth of knowledge, scientific, historical and critical, and to modern problems of politics and ethics."

The importance of this statement is that it marks a changed point of departure for Christian theology. It looks to the tradition as providing a resource for understanding and dealing with contemporary issues, instead of assuming that if the tradition is faithfully repeated from age to age the problems will simply go away.

Certainly Lux Mundi was regarded by many as a frontal attack on the received tradition. The fact that its contributors were all from the Catholic wing of the Church of England only served to compound their imagined offence. Indeed Gore's essay an inspiration was, it is said, the first and crucial instance by a wholehearted adherent of Catholic Christianity of the principle of criticism.

That Our Lord's knowledge could possibly have been limited, as Gore suggested, by the relativities of his time and the situation, that he could actually have been mistaken in his reference to Moses as the author of the Pentateuch and to David as the author of Psalm 110, was scandalous to such as Dr Henry Liddon, Chancellor of St Paul's.

In Convocation the redoubtable Archdeacon Denison, now over 80, returned to the fray. "The rationalism of Lux Mundi," he said "was another symptom of the decadence of England under Mr Gladstone, to be classed with universal suffrage, Welsh disestablishment, secular education and schemes for a Channel tunnel."

What makes this whole affair more than a storm in a Victorian teacup is the fact that Lux Mundi led the way in a thoroughly modern approach to theology. The writers knew that there would have to be a continuous dialogue between the inherited tradition and new thinking, so that religion should never find itself committed to the maintenance of beliefs which science has shown to be without foundation.

Bishop Gore puts it like this: "The real development of theology is the process by which the Church, standing firm in her old truths, enters into an apprehension of the new social and intellectual movements of each age, and because 'the truth makes her free' is able to assimilate all new material, to welcome and give its place in all new knowledge, and so to witness under changed conditions to the Catholic capacity of her faith and life."

Canon Gerald Hudson is former Rector of St Mary-Le-Bow, London.

OBITUARY

MR GUY PULVERTAFT Establishment of hand surgery in Britain

Mr Guy Pulvertaft, CBE, FRCS, a hand surgeon of international repute, who was responsible for establishing hand surgery in this country, died on August 11. He was 79.

Robert Guy Pulvertaft was born in County Cork, where he spent his early years. He was educated in medicine at Cambridge and St Thomas's Hospital, London. He started as an orthopaedic consultant at Grimsby where, with its many fish factories and attendant fish-gutting, he treated many slices of fish.

He dropped his general orthopaedic practice to develop his growing interest in hand surgery, particularly in the grading of flexor tendons in the fingers following injury. He was stimulated by similar but more advanced work being undertaken by the pioneer American hand surgeon, Stirling Bunnell, whose skills Pulvertaft studied when he visited him in San Francisco.

Many years later, in 1963, Pulvertaft was made a Stirling Bunnell Memorial Lecturer. He moved from Grimsby to the Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital in the West Midlands, and then to Derbyshire Royal Infirmary where he gradually built up a new specialist unit to treat injuries and disorders of the hand. Here he was to remain for the next 25 years, accepting patients from all over the country and from abroad.

In 1947, he was appointed Hunterian Professor lecturing at the Royal College of Surgeons on flexor tendon surgery. By his colleagues he was universally held in high regard and acknowledged as a dedicated and exponent in his chosen field.

He founded the Hand Club in 1951 and guided groups of younger orthopaedic and plastic surgeons in their efforts to establish the British Society for Hand Surgery, in 1969. These efforts were crowned with success when the British Society for Surgery of the Hand was founded with Pulvertaft as its first president. He was also vice-president of the British Orthopaedic Association in 1968 and 1969; president of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand in 1970; and civilian consultant in orthopaedic surgery to the RAF.

He retired from the National Health Service in 1972 and was appointed CBE that year. He then devoted his energies to setting up hand surgeries in the Gulf States and Africa, to which he paid prolonged visits to teach and operate. He was also much in demand as a lecturer, especially in the United States. He was the editor and joint author of Operative Surgery (Hodder), published in 1977, and wrote numerous papers on the subject.

Whenever those in the field needed advice or encouragement, it was to Pulvertaft that they turned, and never failed to receive it. A man with an inner reserve and an outward friendliness, he was a gifted public speaker. He found recreation in sailing and fishing, and he was a religious man who in later years was a churchwarden of Hazlewood parish church in Suffolk.

He nursed his wife, Betty, who died in 1983, through her final illness. There was one son and two daughters of his marriage.

LORD PLANT

E. B. writes: Further to the obituary of Lord Plant published on August 12, may I draw attention to another aspect of his life's work?

As far back as 1905, before he was born, the Post Office staff set up a society to provide treatment for the many members of the Post Office who suffered from tuberculosis - the great scourge among the low-paid of the early twentieth century. As a young man, Cyril Plant threw himself wholeheartedly into work on behalf of what is now the Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society. The sanatorium itself was at Benenden in Kent, which explains why he took the title Lord Plant of Benenden.

Following the introduction of streptomycin, which emptied most of the TB sanatoria in this country, Cyril Plant, almost single-handed, took the society's activity into other fields and was responsible for the creation of what is now a modern general hospital, standing in 400 acres, which, without charge, offers a medical service to Post Office and British Telecom workers and civil servants.

As you say, his interest in horses was intense. But while he was not a heavy punter he was a lucky one. At a confluence of the society he distinguished himself by recovering the week's losses by going through the card at Ripoo. The stakes were small.

MR J. L. WARD

Mr J. L. Ward, OBE, a pioneer in the revival of English viticulture, died on August 10, aged 76.

He was born on June 7, 1910, graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, with an English Literature degree, and for a time studied music at the Royal College. But during the 1930s he became interested in wine-making, partly as a result of two walking holidays in the Rhineland.

On one of these he was accompanied by a childhood friend, Ian Howie, with whom after the war he entered into partnership. Together they began, first, making cider and red-currant wine at Jack

Ward's home, Merrydown, in East Sussex; then his vineyard was planted in 1963, and in 1967 the English Vineyards Association was formed, with Ward as one of the prime movers.

In 1979, he was made OBE for his services to the industry, but in 1981 he and Howie abandoned viticulture, since they had found that wine made from grapes was not profitable. They continued to produce cider and other fruit wines. Howie died in April of this year.

In 1939, Ward married Beatrice Wareham, who survives him with a daughter and a son.

DAME ADELAIDE DOUGHTY

Dame Adelaide Doughty, a former chairman of the Conservative Party Conference and governor of the English-Speaking Union, died on August 12. She was 77.

Australian by birth, she read Modern Greats at St Hilda's College, Oxford, and in 1931 married Charles Doughty, a barrister who became a Conservative MP. In order to give him full support she set aside her ambition to stand for Parliament herself, while finding scope for her political interests in the National Union of the Conservative Party, in which she held a succession of leading posts. Her chairmanship of the Party Conference was in 1967.

For her efficient party work she was rewarded with the high honour DBE in 1971 (having been made CBE in 1964). Such things are customary, but in her case it was, no doubt, a special recommendation that she was a Common Marketeer, at a time when rank-and-file Tory opinion was divided on the issue.

She was on the board of the English-Speaking Union for 14 years, but resigned in 1972 on a point of principle, when she felt the membership had been treated in cavalier fashion.

Her husband died in 1973, but she is survived by a son and a daughter.

MR CUTHBERT FITZHERBERT

Mr Cuthbert Fitzherbert, vice-chairman of Barclays Bank Limited from 1948 to 1964, died on July 23 at the age of 87.

He was educated at the Oratory School and New College, Oxford. After service as a young officer in the 1st Battalion "Coldstream Guards" towards the end of the First World War, he was wounded, he joined Barclays Bank in 1922 and remained with it until 1971, apart from a further interruption for four years' service, again with the Coldstream Guards, in the Second World War.

When he returned to the bank in 1944, he played a leading part in local organization and in founding the bank's school at Wimborne.

He was a keen stalker and excelled at the sport, shooting his last stag at the age of 82. He also published a book of stalking memories, The Prince and the Pedlar.

His wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1930, died in 1975. There were four sons (one deceased) and three daughters of his marriage.



The actress Zsa Zsa Gabor with her husband Prince Frederick von Anhalt of Munich, after their wedding ceremony in Los Angeles on Thursday evening. It was the eighth time the Hungarian-born actress had been married.

University News

Cambridge College election JESUS Dr Richard Paul Bellamy has been elected into a fellowship in class II and a college lecturer in history from October 1.

Nottingham The following promotions are announced: Physics: Dr Laurence Eaves, reader in the department of Physics; Plant Physiology: Dr Donald Grierson, reader in plant physiology in the department of physiology and pharmacology; Dr C. A. Marsden, reader in the department of physiology and pharmacology; Molecular Cell Biology: Dr R. J. Mayes, reader in biochemistry in the department of biochemistry; Physical Electronics: Dr Brian Tuck, reader in the department of electrical and electronic engineering; Psychology: Dr D. J. Wood, reader in the department of psychology.

Stirling Strirling Graduate Development Administration, £225,529 to Professor R. J. Rhoads for a research grant on the effects of fish species of rice fields in Asian rice-growing areas. Professor Roberts for studies on the growth of rice. Natural Environment Research Council, £10,000 to Dr O. H. Brown for research on stable isotope analysis for the life sciences Unit grant.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL, 8.30-9.30 AM, 11.30 AM, 2.30 PM, 4.30 PM, 6.30 PM, 8.30 PM. HOLY TRINITY, Bromley Road, SW7, 8.30 AM, 11.30 AM, 2.30 PM, 4.30 PM, 6.30 PM, 8.30 PM. HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7, 8.30 AM, 11.30 AM, 2.30 PM, 4.30 PM, 6.30 PM, 8.30 PM.

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BIRTHS

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DEATHS

CLARKE - On August 13th, 1968, at Clatwick Park Hospital, Clatwick, Clatwick, Clatwick.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

TERRY, Leslie Wallace. Always remembered that I love and all those beautiful years. Always remembered that I love and all those beautiful years.



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£84m bid extended

Meggitt Holdings has extended its £84 million bid for Bestobell until 3pm on August 29. By the first closing date on Thursday it had received acceptances from holders of 44.2 per cent of Bestobell's shares.

The acceptances include an irrevocable undertaking from BTR which holds 29.9 per cent of Bestobell.

Meggitt is offering four shares for one in Bestobell. With Meggitt's shares at 133p, this values each Bestobell share at 532p. There is a cash alternative of 500p a share.

Yesterday Bestobell's shares jumped from 499p to 514p on the news.

Japanese to lift economy

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) - The Japanese prime minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, is expected to unveil an economic package next month to stimulate the country's sluggish economy.

The measures are expected to include a large supplementary budget, and an increase in spending for public works.

BET offer

BET has made an £800,000 offer for the remaining 31.5 per cent in Electrical Press, one of its publishing subsidiaries. It is worth £24 in cash or 6.25 BET ordinary shares. The move is part of the company's overall strategy to acquire outstanding minority holdings. BET intends to merge Electrical Press with its main publishing subsidiary, Argus Press.

Bids cleared

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will not refer to the Monopolies Commission takeovers by Royal Trustco of the remaining 28 per cent in Arbutnot Savory Millin Holdings, and by Nord-Banken of Arbutnot Latham Bank.

Bond bid

The Australian entrepreneur, Mr Alan Bond, chairman of Bond Corporation, is using his family company, Dallhold Investments, to bid 90 cents a share for Metals Exploration and 75 cents a share for Mid-East Minerals.

BT launch

British Telecom has launched a 10-year £250 million (£167 million) Eurobond issue at a coupon of 7 7/8 per cent to eliminate currency exposure. It is to redeem £250 million of its £750 million preference shares.

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ICI buys \$580m paint group from Hanson

By Richard Lander

Imperial Chemical Industries became the world's biggest paint manufacturer yesterday when the \$580 million (£389 million) purchase of Glidden, the American maker of paint, coatings, resins and adhesives.

The cash acquisition was made from Hanson Trust, whose American Hanson Industries arm acquired Glidden this year when it took over SCM Corporation.

The ICI chairman-elect, Mr Denys Henderson, said his company had registered its interest in Glidden when Hanson bought SCM. Other companies had been interested, but ICI was involved in one-to-one negotiations at the end.

Glidden, based in Ohio, had sales of more than \$650 million and reported gross profits of more than \$60 million in the year ended in June.

About two-thirds of its sales are in the US decorative paint market and it is the American leader in do-it-yourself paints. It is also the domestic leader

in powder paints and can coatings. Mr Henderson said about 80 per cent of Glidden's sales were in paint areas on which ICI wanted to concentrate.

The acquisition extends ICI's twin aims of increasing exposure to the United States and earning more of its profits from consumer and speciality products.

The American proportion of ICI's turnover, which will now exceed \$3 billion, will rise from about 19 per cent to 22 per cent of global sales, while the consumer and speciality division will account for about 29 per cent of the total turnover.

Yesterday's deal also considerably shifts the geographical balance within ICI's paint division. Previously, only 12 per cent of total turnover was in North America, all of which came from sales in Canada. North America will now account for almost half of global paint sales.

The acquisition of Glidden further concentrates ownership in the global paint industry, which is dominated by ICI, BASF of West Germany and PPG of America.

ICI and Glidden will together have sales of more than 700 million litres of paint a year, against 400 million to 450 million for its two largest rivals.

The deal was negotiated in New York by ICI's acquisition team with Sir Gordon White, the chairman of Hanson Industries. The team, which was set up in October 1984, last year landed Beatrice Chemicals for ICI for \$750 million.

The money for the Glidden purchase will come from new borrowings. However, the group treasurer, Mr Archie Donaldson, said the gearing ratio, which will rise about 6 percentage points, would still be comfortably under 30 per cent.

He said the deal would still not trouble the existing borrowing requirements, which ICI is seeking to raise substantially.



Denys Henderson: aiming for US sales

Mayhew stands firm on TSB flotation

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

An explanation of the Government's position has been put forward for the first time since a ruling by Lord Templeman, a Law Lord, threatened to upset the planned TSB flotation next month.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor-General, has tried to clear up the confusion surrounding the sale of the Trustee Savings Bank by explaining the Treasury's distinction between the State and the Government as possible owners.

Two weeks ago Lord Templeman argued that the TSB had belonged to the State, contradicting the Government's view that no one owned the bank.

The ruling gave rise to complaints that by not taking any of the £1 billion-plus proceeds from the TSB flotation next month, the Government was giving away assets which it actually owned.

There were calls to delay the flotation until the issue had been resolved. The Treasury, however, argued that the State and the Government were separate entities and that the Government had never owned the bank.

In a letter to Mr John Morris, Shadow Attorney-General, Sir Patrick argues that the 1976 and 1981 TSB Acts specify that the bank's assets are not Government property.

In a key passage he says: "It is commonplace to draw a distinction between the Crown or Government on the one hand and the State on the other. The Crown is used to describe a body which has legal personality, and the ability to hold property, the State on the other hand, is used to refer to a broader concept, which lacks legal personality."

Assets could be said to belong to the State in the sense that they were ultimately at Parliament's disposal. By means of the TSB Act 1985, says Sir Patrick, Parliament abolished the separate TSBs and the central board and disposed of their assets. "The assets of the TSBs can therefore apply be described, in the language of Lord Templeman, as having belonged to the State."

The letter argues that it does not follow from this that the TSB's surplus assets should accrue to the Exchequer. The foundation for the bank's flotation, was passed on false pretences. He claimed that Lord Templeman's ruling completely undermined the basis of the Act - that the bank had no owners. The Government, however, said that it would press ahead with the flotation regardless of Lord Templeman's ruling.

The TSB flotation had already been delayed from February by legal action by depositors who claimed that they owned the bank. The Law Lords ruled that the depositors were only entitled to their deposits and interest.

The Government is keen to press ahead with the flotation to get it out of the way before the privatization of British Gas in October. It hopes to attract over one million private investors to buy TSB shares as part of its plan to promote wider share ownership in Britain.

Guinness to press on with lawsuit

By Cliff Feltham

Guinness, the drinks group, is to press on with a \$200 million (£134 million) lawsuit against Mr James Gulliver's Argyll Group, issued at the height of the bitter takeover battle for control of Distillers.

Argyll, the Presto supermarket chain, whose costs involved in launching the failed bid have totalled £34 million, says in its report and accounts, published yesterday that it will fight the action, which arises out of advertisements it used depicting Arthur Bell's Scotch whisky, owned by Guinness.

Wellington Importers, the United States distributors of Arthur Bell, is claiming damages for misuse of trade mark and trade label.

Argyll said: "The company has sought legal advice in the US and believes that the claims are without merit. It will resist the claims with the utmost vigour, including seeking their early dismissal."

A Guinness spokesman said that there were no plans to drop the action, even though the takeover battle was over.

"We shall be pressing on," he said. During the acrimonious battle both Argyll and Guinness used hard-hitting advertising campaigns, which led to a ban on "knocking copy" by the Takeover Panel.

Meanwhile, Mr Gulliver, the Argyll chairman, confirmed his intention to expand in the United States if he can find a suitable food business.

He said his goal remained: "The creation of a broadly based international food and drink group."

He added: "Distillers would have established us strongly in the international drinks market and we will continue to seek broad acquisition opportunities in this market. However, these are limited in number and we are reluctant as always to pay more than a fair value."

Mr Gulliver, who said that the present year had started well, sold 1 million of his shares in Argyll last year and 253,000 since the year end. He still owns nearly 4 million shares. On the stock market, Argyll shares rose 7p to 318p.

UK agency to expand advertising base in US

By Teresa Poole

Wight Colliers Rutherford Scott, the advertising agency, yesterday announced further ambitious expansion plans, enabling it to strengthen its position in the American market.

An agreement in principle has been reached to acquire Della Famina Travisano, an American agency operating in New York and on the West Coast.

The move comes just two months after WCRS made its first American acquisition - the £33 million purchase of HBM Creamer - giving the company total American billings of around \$650 million (£433 million) a year.

DFT is expected to have billings of \$200 million (£133 million) in 1986. Its clients include Dow Chemical, Ralston Purina, Chemical Bank, Colstream, Transamerica and Isaza Motors.

Mr Peter Scott, chief executive at WCRS, said that the company will make a good geographical fit with HBM, which is strongest in Boston and Pittsburgh. He added that the deal should be concluded within a matter of weeks, but would not indicate a price.

The HBM acquisition was financed by a £32 million rights issue so the new purchase will not prompt the issue of a large number of shares. Mr Scott warned yesterday that the level of debt would rise.

WCRS is the second largest British-owned marketing services group after Saatchi & Saatchi. Last year it made pre-tax profits of £2.6 million on turnover of £56 million. The shares gained 13p to 456p yesterday.

Oil price drop hits Tricentrol profits

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The fall in world oil prices has delivered the expected blow to the profits of Tricentrol, one of Britain's leading independent oil companies, which yesterday announced losses of £2.2 million in the first half of this year.

In the same period last year, Tricentrol made profits of £15.6 million, although it claimed 1985 with profits of just under £2.5 million and trimmed its dividend by 50 per cent to 5p.

The interim dividend of 4p last year has been dropped this year. The losses had been widely expected but the company's shares initially dropped 5p and later rallied to 55p, 3p down on the day.

Tricentrol yesterday echoed the other oil independents in blaming the profits drop on the depressed world oil market and the weaker dollar.

Although oil output from its North Sea holdings and from its share in the Wytch Farm offshore field in Dorset remained at similar levels to last year, turnover was 44 per cent lower than in the same period in 1985.

Tricentrol has already announced measures to reduce its heavy debt with a plan to dispose of 75 per cent of its American interests for £53 million and cut its borrowings to just over £90 million.

The deal, which is being put together by Dillon Read, the American investment bank, will allow Tricentrol management to concentrate on its British assets. Its 20 per cent stake in the Amethyst gas field, which has been on the market since January, is now more valuable to the company. In the long term, production increases are scheduled for Wytch Farm.

The reorganization of its American interests, says Tricentrol, will allow it to achieve considerable cost reductions and keep its capability to operate offshore and onshore in the UK intact.

Oil output from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea is set to reach record levels in the next year, according to a Reuters survey of oil prospects in the Western world.

The survey suggests that Norwegian output will rise from its current level of around 880,000 barrels a day to over 1 million.

Turner's increased bid sent to AE holders

By Claire Dobbie

Turner & Newall yesterday sent out the formal offer containing its increased bid for AE. The first closing date for the offer, which values AE at £251 million, is August 29.

In a letter to AE shareholders, Sir Francis Tombs, the chairman of Turner, reasserts his claim that the bid has commercial logic to recommend it.

He reminds AE's shareholders that in 1983 their board recommended them to accept an offer from GKN so as to improve competitiveness. GKN's offer was later blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

He also says that Sir John Culliver, the chairman, Mr William Everitt, the managing director and Mr David Allday, the finance director, have sold an aggregate of 425,000 shares in AE in the past seven months at prices between 156p and 176p.

The higher offer is one share, plus 70p, for every share in AE. With Turner unchanged at 184p yesterday, the offer values each AE share at 254p. There is a cash alternative of 240p.

Report could signal end of the road for cement cartel

By Alexandra Jackson

A comprehensive survey of the British cement industry which could jeopardize its price cartel will be completed soon, according to the management consultancy arm of Deloitte Haskins and Sells, the firm of accountants.

The report was commissioned this year by the Office of Fair Trading as part of its normal surveillance work on the industry.

The OFT's intentions are not clear at this stage, although there is increasing speculation that this is the preliminary to a referral to the Restrictive Practices Court.

A spokesman for the OFT felt there was no great significance in this inquiry. Nevertheless, the existence of a price agreement of this nature must be something of an embarrassment.

The cement manufacturers are almost unique in operating under an officially recognized price cartel. The formula for this common price agreement was worked out in the 1930s and has remained virtually unchanged ever since. In effect, it prevents members of the Cement Makers' Federation undercutting each other.

The cartel has been successfully defended twice: once in 1961 and again in early 1974. In both instances it was decided that the common price agreement was not against the public interest.

There are, however, periodic rumblings from big cement users, who say the high cost of the material in the UK is preventing them from being competitive and from maximizing their returns.

There is no obvious connection between the commissioning of this report and news that floating cement silos recently arrived in London and Liverpool are en route to Bristol and Southampton.

However, there appear to be those who believe there is money to be made from importing cement into the UK and that there are customers waiting to be served. One such is Libchem, a Greek-based cement trader, which is planning to import at least 300,000 tonnes a year, with the capacity for importing more.

One large cement user said he would rather deal with domestic producers but had to regain competitive. Another pointed out that quality and reliability of supply were crucially important but then so were costs. A third, RMC Group, actually owns cement storage silos in Northern Ireland (an area admittedly outside common pricing agreement), but it has no plans to use them for imported material at present.

Since the early 1980s, a trickle of cement has been entering the UK. Fears of increased volumes have been cited as the reason for infrequent price increases.

Blue Circle has linked these new imports with the decision to reduce its fleet of drivers by 600. If imports exceeded 1 million tonnes (over 10 per cent of the market) then plant closures may hit the industry. A spokesman for British Coal said this would result in 590 redundancies in the coal industry.

US tax plans are stalled

Washington (AP-Dow Jones) - The Senate finance committee chairman, Mr Bob Packwood, said the US tax overhaul effort had stalled.

Mr Packwood told reporters that he did not write off the possibility of a breakthrough. But he and the Ways and Means chairman, Mr Dan Rostenkowski, had been told by joint tax committee staff that their compromise tax package would fall about \$17 billion (£11.4 billion) short.

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WALL STREET

Early rise for shares

New York (Agencies) - Shares rose slightly in early trading yesterday as bond prices strengthened...

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

Hong Kong prime rate cut by 1%

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's prime interest rates were yesterday cut from 7.5 per cent to 6.5 per cent...

The Hong Kong Association of Banks simultaneously reduced its deposit rates by 0.75 per cent...

Mr Peter Wrangham, the Association's chairman, said increasing speculation in London and New York...

Options chief resigns

Mr David Steen said yesterday he had resigned as chairman of the Stock Exchange's traded options committee...

Mr Steen said he had wanted for some time to reduce his direct involvement in the development and administration of traded options.

He had not intended to stand for another term on the Stock Exchange Council...

COMPANY NEWS

- MCKAY SECURITIES: Total dividend 5.65p (25p) for the year to March 31.
GARFUNKELS RESTAURANTS: Terms have been agreed for the acquisition of five sites...

Opportunity knocks at Extel

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Outside shareholders in Extel have good reason to be grateful to Mr Robert Maxwell...

By buying an extra 4.2 million shares, taking his stake to 27 per cent, he has pushed the price up to 408p...

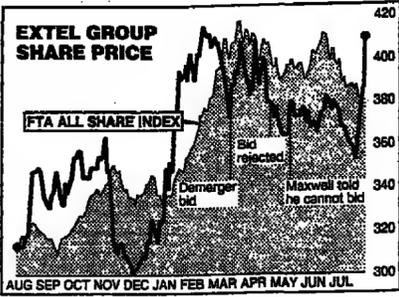
They should not hesitate to take up the offer, assuming the price stays high until the offer closes...

The offer to shareholders is one element in the arrangements for buying Dealers Digest...

In the case of Boots, which is using a similar device to finance its controversial acquisition of Flint...

In the case of Extel, however, shareholders cannot apply for more than one for seven already held...

Shareholders should appreciate that they are dependent on Mr Maxwell. He has created the market opportunity...



EXTEL GROUP SHARE PRICE

transactions must be made. Driven down to 17 1/2 US cents by political trauma...

However, its minimal rise last week suggests that investors are still chewing over the political factors...

Berry Trust

The battle for Berry Trust has polarized into a duel between two very large players...

The GT Management-led concert party, which this week rode to Berry's rescue by snapping up most of United Kingdom Provident Institution's stake...

The concert party paid 27 1/2p a share, compared with Berry's market price yesterday of 25 1/2p...

On the other hand, there can be few analysts, particularly those at broking firms with American connections...

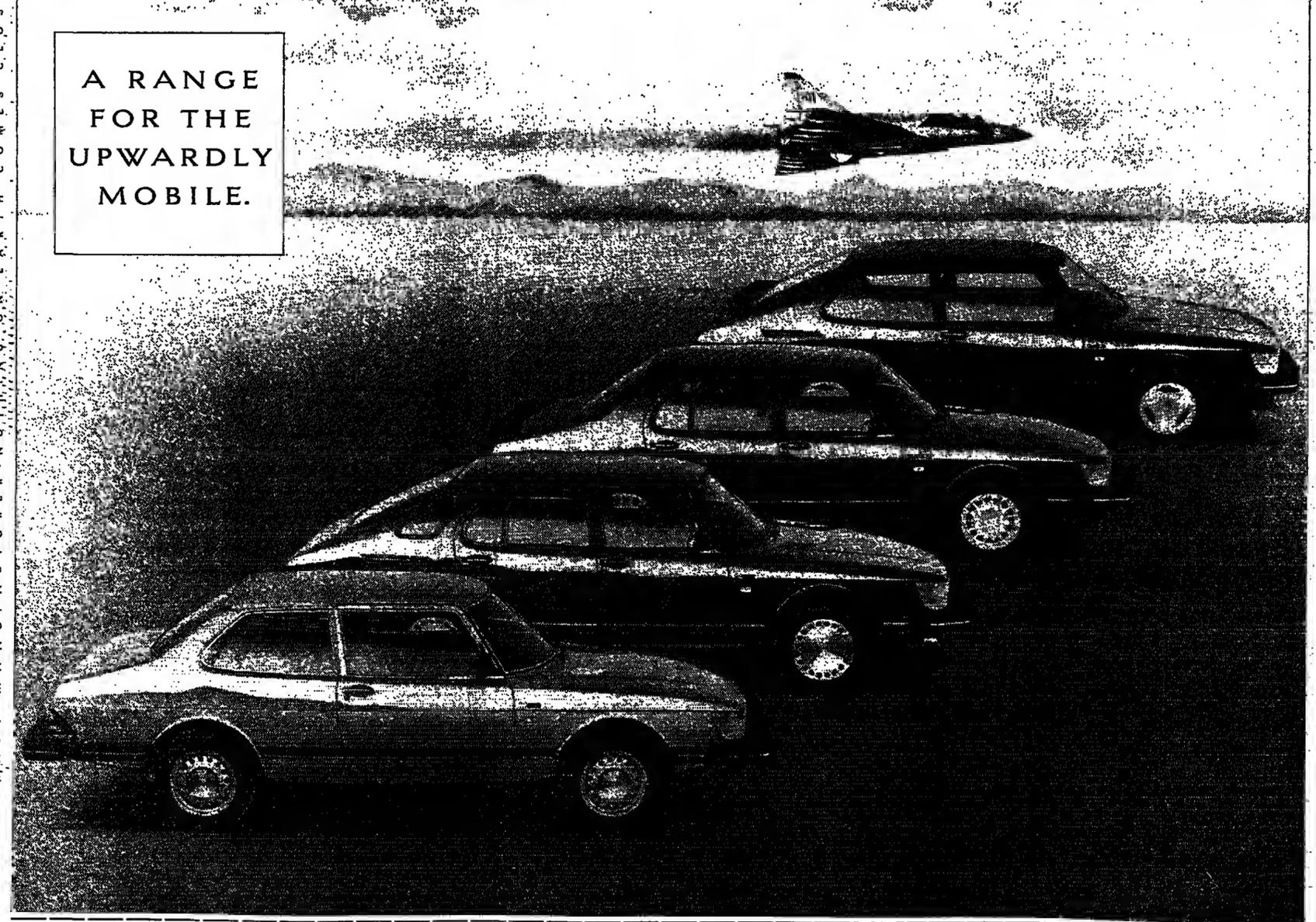
Fundamentally, there is no doubting the value of South African shares following bullion's sharp rally...

Berry's defence document is due out this weekend. It is expected to continue to decry the inadequacy of the offer...

Huntleigh in bid talks

Huntleigh Technology, the medical equipment manufacturer, has approached Grosvenor Group to make an agreed bid for the electrical engineers...

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Dealers believe bid for Boots may soon be launched

By Michael Clark

There were some strange goings-on in the share price of beleaguered Boots yesterday with one broker prepared to pay over the odds in the market. This led to renewed speculation that a bid may be on the way.

By the close, Boots was showing a 1p rise on the day at 221p, but there were reports that Williams de Broe, the broker, was prepared to bid 225p for stock, amid speculation that Lord Hanson's Hanson Trust was again passing its slide rule over the group. This latest bout of bid fever was no doubt fuelled by the news that Hanson Trust had sold

property portfolio, but the shares are now trading close to their low for the year. The group has convened an extraordinary meeting to approve the firm acquisition later this month.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed some sizeable gains, cheered by the prospect of lower interest rates worldwide shortly. There is talk that the US, Japan and West Germany will get together to lower interest rates which will increase the pressure for lower domestic interest rates.

The latest economic news, showing a further fall in the level of inflation, also encouraged investors. Inflation is now running at 2.4 per cent annually.

Gilt strength from the latest figures and the possibility of cheaper money, sporting gains of over 2%.

The FT index of 30 shares ended the first leg of the long, three-week account 7.8 points up at 1,271.0 and has almost recouped all of last week's 56-point fall. Its rise on the week is 53.6. The broader-based FT-SE 100 index closed 13.7 points higher at 1601.9.

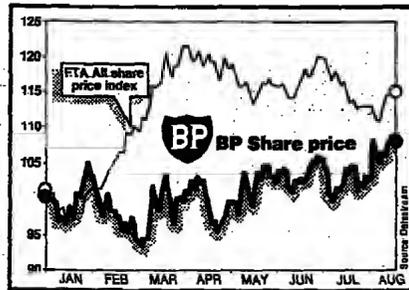
Chloride eased 2p to 51p after denying that it had received any approach.

Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer, was awash with market talk yesterday as the shares slipped 2p to 185p. Dealers claim that it may be ready to sell its 29.6 per cent stake in rival Matthew Brown and turn its attention to Courage, which Hanson Trust has put up for sale. A bid for someone like Greene King has also not been ruled out.

The SCM paint division for \$580 million (£385 million) to ICI.

Hanson responded to the sale with a rise of 7p to 175p, while ICI breached the £10 level with a rise of 10p to £10.9.

Boots has been the target of much criticism this week following its decision to pay \$550 million for Flint Laboratories, a subsidiary of Baxter Travenol in the US. Some brokers claimed that Boots was paying over the odds and that the acquisition was a defensive move. Boots has often been tipped as a takeover target with its large



Sears firmed 2p to 116.5p, despite denial that it was planning to sell its Selfridges store.

BP was able to extend Thursday's gain, but closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 1p to 601p. This follows the successful block sale of Guinness's stake, worth £108.3 million, which it inherited after its £2.5 billion acquisition of Distillers in April. The 18.8 million shares were bought by Salomon Brothers, the New York

broking house, for 57p a share and were later placed by Salomon and Moore Govett, the London broker, with various clients at 57.75p. Guinness received praise in some quarters for its decision

to hold on to the BP shares for an extra four months, earning it an extra £10 million as the price continued to rally. Back to April, the shares were trading at less than 550p. Guinness was unchanged at 323p.

Tricentral lost 3p at 55p following interim figures every bit as bad as feared. The group divvied into the red with a pretax loss of £2.2 million against a profit for the same period last year of £13.6 million. The board has decided to pass the interim dividend, which last year stood at 4p.

Tricentral's results were another blow to the oil sector which has suffered a spate of bad results recently following

the collapse in the price of crude oil on world markets this year. Earlier in the week, Ultramar announced second-quarter figures showing a net loss of £13.1 million compared with a profit last time of £20.7 million. The group was also forced to halve the dividend. But Ultramar improved by 8p to 136p yesterday after learning that IEP Securities, a subsidiary of Mr Ron Brierley's New Zealand-based Industrial Equity, has been again building up its stake.

It now speaks for 35.2 million shares, or 12.8 per cent of the issued capital, raising hopes that he may eventually make a full bid.

J Sainsbury, the super-market chain, jumped 8p to 394p yesterday following a period of underperformance. James Capel, the broker, published a bullish circular earlier this week. Robert Fleming's marketmaking arm is now dealing in the shares and is also reckoned to be a fan of the company. Dealers claim that Sainsbury is due for a re-rating.

The rest of the oil sector spent an uncertain day. Dealers reported selective support for some of the leaders, but others were unmoved by the news from Tricentral and lost earlier small gains. Shell firmed 3p to 856p, Enterprise Oil 2p to 125p, London & Scottish Marine Oil 10p to 128p, Petrolon 1p to 46p. But Britoil reverted to being unchanged at 123p, after 125p, as did Burnmah at 380p.

Among the brewers, Allied-Lyons advanced another 7p to 335p - making a gain on the week of 28p - still awaiting the outcome of the Monopoly Commission's inquiry into the bid from Elders IXL, the Australian brewer. The market appears to be already taking the view that Elders will be allowed to proceed.

Loss 7p at 755p, Matthew Brown 10p at 495p and Grand Metropolitan, the Truman and Watney Mann brewery, 5p at 778p.

The big four clearing banks continued to enjoy more solid support and were clearly making the most of the hype surrounding the flotation of The Trustee Savings Bank next month. Barclays appears to have shrugged off all the effects of last week's disappointing interim figures, rising by 22p to 492p. Lloyds improved 13p to 432p, Midland 8p to 377p and National Westminster 5p to 522p.

Money indicators are in disarray, earnings are rising more than 7 per cent above the rate needed to maintain take-home pay and unit wage costs are increasing at a rate that will appear even more alarming once commodity prices turn up. That leaves the American-inspired drive for lower interest rates as the main hope for cutting rates here. Sterling

COMMENT Hanson Trust makes a handsome profit

Hanson Trust's sale of the SCM subsidiary Glidden Coatings to Imperial Chemical Industries looks like that rare animal, a good deal for both sides.

ICI has reinforced its position as a world leader in paints and Hanson has in one deal recouped more than 60 per cent of the purchase price of SCM, a price which now looks positively silly.

Hanson paid \$930 million cash for SCM, financed by dollar borrowings, and has recouped \$810 million through the sales of the head office and businesses including speciality chemicals, pulp, and now paint.

It is left with the rump of titanium dioxide, Smith-Corona typewriters, paper, food and some industrial businesses. The rump, however, makes annual pretax profits of around \$150 million, for which Hanson has effectively paid only \$120 million.

It is no small wonder that Hanson fought tooth and nail through the American courts and was prepared to take on the might of Merrill Lynch to win its prize. Merrill's controversial offer, featuring in the argot, a "crown jewel lock-up option", valued SCM at even less than Hanson's offer.

Hanson is keeping an open mind on the rest of SCM. It has demonstrated that as long as the price is right it will sell, whatever the business. That price has to offer a return higher than Hanson believes it could achieve through its own efforts.

ICI could offer that with Glidden, because it has the resources and the

people to invest in paint research and development. Hanson does not have those resources. Glidden will build on ICI's strengths, taking to more than \$1 billion the amount the group has spent on American acquisitions in the past 18 months.

Hanson is now contemplating a greatly reduced interest bill in America, providing flexibility to pursue "other opportunities". Whether there are more plums like SCM to be plucked remains for Hanson to reveal to the world. It has certainly shown up the competition on this one.

The question of whether it will be able to do the same with its British purchase, the Imperial Group, has still to be answered. The price paid appeared much fuller so the opportunities look more limited. The question also remains whether a break-up and wholesale disposal of Imperial's businesses, excluding tobacco and perhaps food, would be appreciated on this side of the Atlantic.

Chairman Lord Hanson denied any intention of a full break-up when he was pursuing his prey. A retreat from that position, even to accept irresistibly fancy prices, might cause more than a little hesitation when Hanson Trust inevitably comes to launch its next blockbuster bid.

However, if Lord Hanson can get the rumoured £95 million for Golden Wonder and the asked-for £1.5 billion for Courage, he will not hesitate for a second.

Seasonal help on inflation

It was always going to be hard to improve last month on the 2.5 per cent 12-month inflation rate recorded in June, simply because retail prices had actually fallen by 0.2 per cent in July last year, the month now going out of the reckoning. In the event, seasonal foods helped beat this performance and cut prices by 0.3 per cent. That was a pleasant surprise for Whitehall and City analysts alike, bringing the bonus of a further reduction in the annual inflation rate to 2.4 per cent. More dramatically, prices are now unchanged over three months, which begins to look internationally respectable.

Foreign exchange and money markets were not initially overimpressed by this good news, weighing it, no doubt, against the relentless rise in earnings and unit wage costs recorded again on Thursday. The summer was expected to record the trough of British inflation in the present cycle as the benefits of cheap oil flowed through. So what difference do a few bargain vegetables make? The oil companies have already tried to raise petrol prices at the pumps to make the inflation-fighter's life more difficult this month.

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Table showing foreign exchange rates for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, and other sterling rates.

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Table showing traditional options for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, and Courtalds.

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Table showing dollar spot rates for various countries including Argentina, Australia, and Belgium.

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Large table showing London traded options for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, and Courtalds, including call and put options.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Blue chips forge ahead

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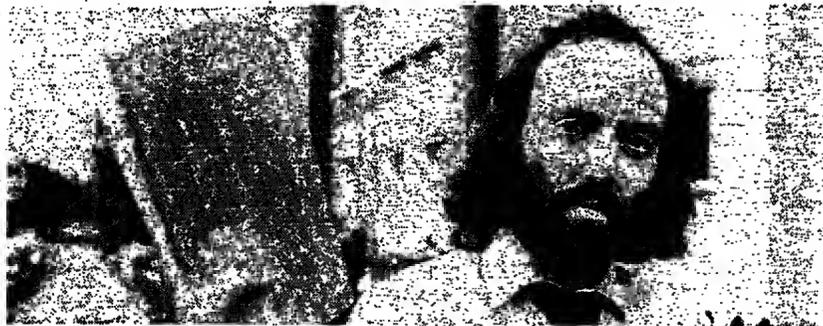
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Time for a tougher law to help timeshare buyers

SALES TALK

February 5 1986 is a date that Michael Webster is not likely to forget. On that fateful day, he went to a showroom in London to claim a prize that he had won in a competition. Four and a half hours later he left the building clutching his prize, a carriage clock. But he had parted with £550 and promised to pay out a further £1,650. Michael Webster had become yet another victim of the hard-sell timeshare companies.

Three weeks earlier, he had received a letter telling him that he "had been selected to receive an award" and that he could learn about "the benefits the company can offer in over 600 resorts worldwide." Mr Webster said: "There was a presentation that explained all about the holiday complex. After that, the hard sell started. A sales representative offered me an unspecified two weeks at the resort for £9,500, but if I signed up there and then there would be a first day saving of £1,900. "I told him I could not afford it and he then called



Michael Webster. Went to collect a prize, came back with a contract and a bill

over someone else. They kept hitting me with another price. I lost count of the number of times I said "no". They just did not let up. Finally they suggested one week in November for £2,200. "I had to pay a deposit of £550 and they would arrange credit for £1,650. I was to pay £45 a month over five years. I was there 3 1/2 hours before I agreed to sign." He spent another hour at the office looking through the documents and he finally

signed. Mr Webster said: "It never occurred to me to ask about solicitors to look at the papers, and they never mentioned it." By 9.30 the following morning he was back at the showrooms. He realized he had made a horrendous mistake. He said: "I eventually saw a director but all he gave me was another sales pitch. I insisted I could not afford it. He told me: "Now you have got it, enjoy it." Mr Webster is not giving up

the battle. He has not paid the monthly payments on his loan agreement and he is being advised on what further action to take. A Times reader from Wales recently encountered a different sort of hard sell from a North London timeshare company, Resorts Leisure Exchange Ltd. He had entered a competition at a wine fair and received a letter telling him that "as second prize winner he had won a 50 per cent discount voucher worth up to

£5,400 on the purchase of a timeshare." He said: "The hard sell took place over the telephone. A salesman kept congratulating me on winning the prize and telling me how the apartments were bound to go up in value. "I have now found that the friend I went with also won the same second prize." In a recent competition in south Wales, of 1,200 entrants, about 880 won second

prizes - a 50 per cent discount voucher from Resorts Leisure Exchange Ltd.

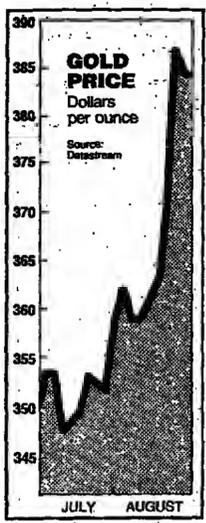
A spokeswoman from the company which ran the competition said: "It caused us a lot of heartache. Our main worry was that those entrants who are not clued up may have been totally overwhelmed and persuaded to find the money. We wrote to every one of the prizewinners."

An official of Barnet council in north London, which has received complaints about the company, said: "We have taken legal advice. But there is nothing illegal. It is just a piece of hard sell."

A Times colleague and I went to a company called Allen House, which uses prizes to encourage visitors to its Kensington, London offices. We took with us the company's you-have-won-a-prize letter, and though the sales technique was not aggressive it was relentless. Peter, the salesman offered us a one-week timeshare in a two-bedroom flat in the company's luxury block by its offices, which would cost £11,300. If we signed immediately, we would be given a £1,000 discount. Peter mistakenly claimed: "It will be tax-free when you sell." We were actively discour-

aged by Peter and his supervisor, Gerald Kleiner, from showing the papers to our solicitor. Mr Kleiner told us there was no need to worry. We were told that a barrister, a Mr P., who had brought one of the timeshares recently, had been completely satisfied with the documents. Mr Kleiner said: "Solicitors are emotional people, they will tell you not to buy." We left after 2 1/2 hours, having had to ask for our prize, the ubiquitous carriage clock. A Kensington and Chelsea council official said: "We continue to keep a watching brief on Allen House. There have been no breaches of the law."

The problem is that the law in its present form is inadequate. Mr Webster and many others have found themselves thousands of pounds out of pocket, because there is no statutory cooling-off period for buyers of timeshares. The law is in urgent need of reform. A compulsory cooling-off period must be a top priority, whether the timeshare is bought on credit or for cash. Sue Fieldman



If you go for gold go carefully

The price of gold rose 10 per cent in two days earlier this week, which has prompted eight of the nine gold unit trusts on the market to perform extravagantly well compared to their earlier records. Opal Statistics' figures show that eight of nine gold funds are in profit over the last month. Waverley Australasian Gold has added 13.8 per cent, while most managed a gain of at least 6.4 per cent. But even the managers of these funds are wary of advising the public to invest now after the sharp rise. David Smith, whose Schroder Gold Fund is up 9.6 per cent on the month, but down 15.2 per cent over the last year - a performance typical of the sector, says: "There is definitely room for consolidation in gold now."

Gold is a reasonable long-term bet, but it is not a punt for a quick profit. The price of gold unit trusts is not the same as the gold price, because unit trusts invest in gold mining shares, but Peter Basher of Waverley says that there is "a pretty good correlation with bullion". Brian O'Neill of Gartmore Gold (up 8.8 per cent over the month but down 46.6 per cent over three years) is worried because "everything's going up: the pound, the dollar, the stock markets on London, Wall Street and Europe, platinum and gold. Something's wrong." If you do want to invest, gold unit trusts normally carry charges of 5 per cent initially and 1 per cent annually. So for a quick killing, any increase would have to be substantial.

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# Yes, you can insure against a lawsuit

## LEGAL COVER

Litigation is an expensive, double-edged sword, and lawyers have the handle. Clare Dyer explains how insurance can help push some cases to a successful conclusion or take the bitterness out of legal defeat

Nick Jordan-Moss, aged 66, had to have an eye removed after X-ray treatment for a small tumour on the eyelid.

Armed with the opinion of a leading eye surgeon that the radiation treatment done without a shield over the eye was responsible, and assured by his barrister and solicitor that he had "the nearest thing to a cast-iron case", he sued the consultant radiologist and the health authority.

During the next three years

he ran up legal and medical fees of £4,000 to £5,000 while the defendants held out and refused to pay up. In February, as the date of the court hearing loomed, Mr Jordan-Moss had all but decided to abandon his claim.

With a pension and non-executive director's fees totalling just over £20,000 a year, and shares worth a few thousand pounds, he was caught in the "middle-income trap". This catches thousands of would-be litigants, too well off for legal aid, but not rich enough to risk a liability of £50,000 to £60,000 - the lawyer's bill for a five-day High Court trial.

Losing the case in court would have meant selling his home in Dorking, Surrey. He says: "However good a case I'd got, nothing is certain in the law and the risk was much too big."

Then he had a brainwave. If his case was so clear-cut, could

he not insure against the small risk of losing? Legal-expenses insurance provides cover against the cost of litigation, but once you are embroiled in a court case it is too late to take out a policy. Would it be possible to insure against the risk of losing a case which was about to go to court?

Mr Jordan-Moss says: "I'd never heard of anybody doing it, nor had my solicitor. But being a director of an insurance company, I tend to think in insurance terms." So he approached his broker, Anthony Wakefield, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr Wakefield says: "I managed to get the cover put together in the London market. We just went in and asked it as a personal favour of the underwriters we do our business with and they kindly obliged because they were irate at the thought of what Mr Jordan-Moss had suffered."

Mr Wakefield stresses that, though he would try to help other clients in the same situation, he would not encourage inquiries from anyone who was not already a client.

In the event, Mr Jordan-Moss did not have to pay the premium - 3 per cent of the potential £60,000 loss. Once his opponents realized he intended to go to court, if necessary, they offered to settle the claim.

David Rae, Mr Jordan-Moss's solicitor, says: "They



knew perfectly well they'd be liable, but they were pushing it along as far as they could, hoping we would give up.

Then they started with a ridiculous figure to settle the case. But eventually they agreed to pay virtually what counsel said the injury was worth - £19,000 to £20,000."

This type of insurance, according to brokers, falls into the category of "special risks" or "contingency". But Geoffrey Fox, a spokesman for the leading brokers in the contingency market, Adam Brothers, which arranges cover against such disasters as the cancellation of the World Cup or the Commonwealth Games, says insurance against losing a court case is not a proposition his firm would entertain.

Mr Fox says: "We did it once and it was a total loss. At least three eminent counsels said, 'There's no way this case is going to lose'. It lost. The judges based their decision on the same precedent that counsel had quoted to prove that our assured could not lose, but

they said it had the opposite effect.

Legal-expenses insurance policies exclude cover for legal actions already under way, but John Long, managing director of Bristol-based Allianz Legal Protection, says he would be prepared to consider insuring a case on a one-off basis, if it was backed up by a strong counsel's opinion.

With the recent cuts in legal-aid allowances and with proposals to curb legal-aid spending under scrutiny, more people are likely to find themselves caught in the middle-income trap. Legal expenses insurance provides a cheap way out.

For £68 a year, Allianz will cover a family for consumer and personal injury actions, claims relating to motoring or employment or rights as a home owner or occupier, and criminal prosecutions. Consumer and non-driving personal injury cover - which would include medical negligence claims - would cost a family £20 a year.

The best buys are group insurance provided by employers as a perk, or insurance bought as an add-on to household or motoring policies. Other companies in the field are DAS Legal Protection, Hambro Housley Legal Protection, the Legal Protection Group and IRPC.

But changes may be in the offing. The Law Society is about to set up a working party to study alternatives to legal aid for financing litigation.

As well as taking another look at the ban on contingency fees, it will reconsider a proposal by the law reform group, Justice, which in the past it has always opposed for fear it would threaten the legal-aid scheme - a contingency legal-aid fund.

Lawyers would be paid from the fund for the work done, as now, rather than by results. Losers would pay nothing but winners would contribute a share of their awards or settlements.

# Where holiday cash lasts best

## TRAVEL

How much will your holiday really cost? You know what you have paid the travel agent but the actual charges at a holiday destination are usually not known until you arrive at a resort. To help the holiday-maker make the right decision Thomas Cook has produced a Cost of Holiday Living Index.

It reveals that Gran Canaria is the cheapest vacation destination, once you have travelled there. A weighted total cost of a week's expenses amount to £193.60 by comparison with £212.85 for nearby Tenerife. The most expensive is the Portuguese island of Madeira with an estimated £298.15.

The information was supplied by Thomas Cook representatives and is based on the in-resort prices of dinner for two, a litre of wine, coffee, half a litre of beer, tea, a camera film, a soft drink, sun cream, five postcards and a stamp, 20 litres of petrol and a week's car hire.

The competitive car-hire rates on Gran Canaria contribute substantially in its outstanding value. Lanzarote is a close second, with Tenerife making a third for the Canary Islands.

Car hire aside, the Greek islands - Corfu and Crete - emerge as best value. As might be expected, Cyprus, Madeira and Portugal are more expensive destinations.

The guide reveals Crete and

Corfu as the best buy for dinner for two at £7.54 and £8.54 respectively. Greece also scores well for half a litre of beer.

It is only Marbella and Portugal, the EEC's newest partner, where a litre of wine is more than £2. Other good buys include camera film in Lanzarote at £2.27 and sun cream in Corfu at £1.71.

It really boils down to paying for your enthusiasms. Photographers and sun-worshippers will be happy enough in Lanzarote and Corfu respectively.

But imagine the misery of the snap-happy tourist in Majorca where film costs £5.68 a roll. And will the kudos of the expensively acquired tan really be that much greater in Madeira where sun cream is sold at the rate of £3.56 a tube?

Beer seems cheaper just about anywhere other than Britain. An outlay of merely 40p will secure half a litre's worth of relief from Cretan heat.

Even the most expensive beer at 80p compares well with British prices.

Prices on the Costa del Sol fluctuate considerably between the likes of Marbella and Torremolinos and the arid and south of Tenerife. The index features the most competitive prices available.

Since Thomas Cook did a similar survey last summer, several destinations have reduced in price (taking into account the weighting). Corfu was £242.38 (now £237.67) and Crete was £243.95 (now £235.23).

Other destinations have risen slightly, such as Ibiza from £230.04 to £255.62. Portugal has increased from £187.74 to £263.45 and Majorca from £174.84 to a substantial £242.97 by comparison.

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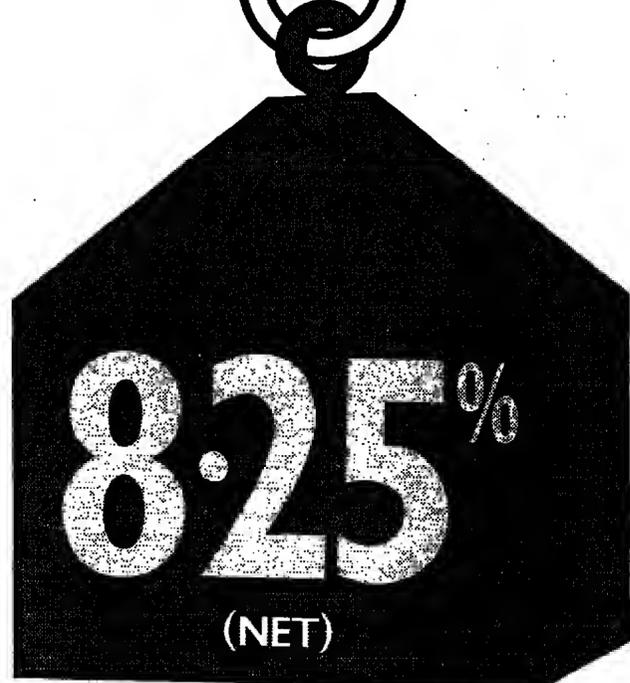
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# How parents can pass school fees test



Under pressure: Pupils at Radley College preparing for exams while parents face a steep bill

## EDUCATION

As the start of the school year approaches, parents with children at fee-paying schools will be viewing the arrival of the bill with some apprehension. Those parents will be only too well aware of the cost of private education. But for the unfamiliar, just how much school fees amount to may come as a shock.

According to Isis, the Independent Schools' Information Service, fees for a term at a boys' senior school can be anything from just under £1,000 to more than £2,000 for a boarder, and £360 to £1,500 for a day pupil. Girls' schools tend to be slightly less expensive. At a termly rate of £1,500, your child's five years at boarding school would cost you £22,500.

Of course, that does not take into account any rise in fees or the cost of uniforms, music lessons, field trips or any of the other "essential extras". Nor does it include the fees for several years at a preparatory school.

But the cost does not appear to deter those parents who have set their hearts on a private education for their children. Indeed, many families will readily lower their

standard of living, by selling the car, or in some circumstances moving to a smaller house, or remortgaging the property, to pay the fees.

Such dramatic measures can be avoided by "forward" planning. And the earlier you begin to plan, the greater the savings.

There are many ways in which predictable school fees can be funded. They fall into two categories: plans funded from capital and plans funded from income.

How do you set up a plan? There are a number of offices which have schemes designed specifically for school fees and there are brokers who specialise in planning for school fees. School Fees Insurance Agency (SFIA), C. Howard & Partners, Invest for School Fees, Claremont Saville and the recently formed Whitehead & Partners.

If you are funding school fees from capital (using this method, a single lump sum is invested), the earlier the plan is started, obviously the longer the period for capital growth and the smaller the capital outlay needed.

Some schools run their own capital schemes, commonly known as composition fees. This route is beneficial to the

school and to parents who are higher-rate taxpayers. It works like this. The school buys an annuity and because of its charitable status receives a tax rebate, which is used to fund scholarships. A parent buying an annuity, on the other hand, would be charged income tax on the payments.

But such schemes should not be chosen lightly, particularly if the child will not start school for several years. Circumstances may change, and should the child not take up the place, some schools will not transfer the annuity. Instead, they cash it in and impose a penalty.

A more flexible alternative, which also benefits from charitable status, is the educational trust. By using a trust plan it is not necessary to name the school until about a month before the first term. If the child changes schools, the fee payment can easily be transferred.

SFIA, which introduced the idea of prepaying school fees 30 years ago, offers two such schemes. The Guaranteed Annuity provides a guaranteed level of fees, the amount of which is decided by the parents at the outset. The Investment Annuity is optionally linked to Sun Life

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	Interval between setting up plan and child starting school			
	0-3 mths	6 yrs	9 yrs	12 yrs
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SFIA**	£9,160	£3,577	£4,358	£3,397

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	0-3 mths	6 yrs	9 yrs	12 yrs
Equitable Life*	£20,630	£7,727	£5,284	£3,767
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SFIA**	£20,938	£12,747	£9,952	£7,765

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FOOTBALL

A dress rehearsal for another game of Merseyside monopoly

By Clive White

If another football season has come around all too soon for those who gorged themselves upon the Mexican fare barely seven weeks ago, their appetite is unlikely to be greatly whetted by the offering of another chip butty derby at Wembley this afternoon.

The green green grass of Wembley has become a home from home for the two Merseyside giants. Between them these past three years they will have totalled 11 appearances there, monopolizing the occasion three times. Dare one suggest that this is too much of a good thing — for the viewing public never mind each side's ambition which must be close to saturation.

I would be surprised if the players are not becoming blasé about stepping out on to the hallowed turf. The fact that Everton's Reid, Southall, Bracewell, Van den Hauwe, Mountfield and Pointon have all been declared unfit and Stevens and Mimms doubtful for today's game suggest that in the mind of Howard Kendall, the manager, there can sometimes be other more important considerations than playing at Wembley.

One is tempted to suggest that it is only the Charity Shield. But with the curtain rising on an experimental season for a newly restructured League in just seven days' time, never can this 78-year-old final have found itself in such a significant position. Never before has a dress rehearsal been watched by so

many. Apart from the 90,000-odd Liverpoolians on hand there will be an estimated television audience of five million in this country alone. The game is being televised live — by ITV — for the first time.

However, despite the familiarity with the characters no one could ask for more talented exponents of the sport. Liverpool and Everton have the chance today to woo back last season's missing millions. Attendance figures were down nearly 10 per cent after the tragedies of Brussels and Bradford the previous season. Yet despite their heavy guilt in Brussels, who better than Liverpoolians, or more accurately what better than a Merseyside derby, to produce a trouble-free, fun day at Wembley.

A repeat of last May's FA Cup performance would be no bad thing, though no doubt Everton will be hoping for a

Probable teams

EVERTON: R Mimms, G Stevens, P Power, K Ratcliffe, A Harper, T Stevens, K Richardson, K Langley, K Sheedy, G Sharp, A Haath. LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, M Lawrenson, G Gillespie, A Hansen, J Beglin, R Whelan, J Molloy, K MacDonald, S McMahon, C Johnson, I Rush. Referee: Neil Midgeley (Salford).

slightly different storyline. They were conclusively beaten 3-1.

Everton, the Charity Shield holders, who won the trophy against Liverpool and successfully defended it against Manchester United last year, come

back to Wembley considerably weaker than they were three months ago. Quite apart from the loss of Reid and the others, Everton are now without their leading marksman, Lineker, sold to Barcelona.

Similarly dispossessed, albeit in the long-term, are Liverpool, whose goal-scoring machine, Rush, the two-goal man of the match in May, is joining Juventus for £3.3 million. Liverpool are in the paradoxical position of having sold their greatest asset yet kept it, at least temporarily. Rush will be available to them for the rest of the season while Juventus decide whom among the prestigious foreigners must make way for the Welshman.

Liverpool, however, will definitely be without the injured Nicol (stomach) and, sadly, Walsh (ankle). Dalglish, who withdrew from Scotland's World Cup squad, must decide between his own ageing legs and Johnson's eager ones as to who partners Rush up front.

Everton's team, not surprisingly, will be unrecognizable from that which has consistently served them well. If Mimms fails to recover from an elbow injury his place will be taken by the third choice, Barber, Stevens, the England full back, has resumed training this week and should be fit. Heath ought now to be able to claim a first team place with the departure of Lineker, but there is still much competition with the signings of Power (from Manchester City), Adams (Stoke) and Langley (Wigan).

HORSE TRIALS

Course will be test of Phillips' ability

By Jenny MacArthur

Captain Mark Phillips faces his sternest test as course designer this weekend when one of the highest-classed fields assembled at a one-day event competes in the C&R Original British open championships at Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire.

Captain Phillips, who is also the organizer, has designed the course since the event started in 1983 but this is the first year that Gatcombe has staged the British national championships, which were formerly held at Locko Park in Derbyshire. He has altered the course accordingly, admitting that if the shortest route is taken it is bigger than in previous years, but he has also had to bear in mind the young riders who are competing over the same course for their final trial before the European young riders' championships at Rotherfield at the end of the month.

Captain Phillips, remarking that he would be relieved to see the first few horses safely back in tomorrow's cross-country, said he would be concerned if less than 75 per cent completed his course. A glance at the entries should allay his fears. At their head is Giny Lemp, the European and world champion, who is riding her top horse, Pricelles and Night Cap, in the championship class. She also has her Burghley entry, Murphy Himself, entered in the advanced class.

Two there is Lucinda Green, the former world champion, for whom Gatcombe has proved a happy stamping ground. Runner-up to her husband David by a fraction of a point in the inaugural event, she went on to win in 1984 on Village Gossip. This year she rides Willy B and the nine-year-old Brass Monkey.

Overnight leaders after first day of dressage (championship class): I. Greenburne (I. Stark), 29.50; 2. Pricelles (V. Lemp), 32.3; General Boote (M. Tucker), 35.

Lendl and McEnroe fall at high speeds

Toronto (Reuter) — Seeds toppled almost as fast as cars

came off the assembly lines in this city. Ivan Lendl, John McEnroe, Yannick Noah, Brad Gilbert and Jimmy Arias all suffering headkicks in the third round of the \$375,000 (\$250,000) Player's international championship.

The turbo-charged serving of Kevin Curren, with 15 aces, throttled Lendl, the French and US Open champion, while McEnroe and Noah were barfed out by a wistful comeback after long lay-offs as they went down to Robert Seguso and Jonathan Canter.

McEnroe blamed everything from God to the slow balls for his demise. Boris Becker, the Wimbledon champion, said he was surprised to see their confidence high in the run-up to the US Open at Flushing Meadow with confident victories over Francisco Maciel and Tim Wilkinson.

"I hated the fluff balls, but I played lousy," admitted Lendl, as single service breaks in both tie-breaks sent him tumbling out to Curren. Bot McEnroe, who also lost in doubles with Peter Fleming, had a more novel excuse. "My comeback is proving harder than I expected. God is testing me on court. It's a big test for me as a person."

McEnroe however quickly reversed to a more resplendent image. "If the player's union had any clout, they wouldn't use these heavy balls," he said shortly.

While Noah too showed his frustration after missing two months through injury and Gilbert and Arias were over-powered to serving duels with Bud Schultz and Christo Steyn, Curren, last year's Wimbledon finalist, was judged as the rising star. Lendl, the world No 1 to discard his powerful passing game in favour of top spin lobs.

"Lendl has got great shots, but under pressure he sometimes folds," he said.

RESULTS: Third round: (US unseeded) R Seguso M J McEnroe, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; B Becker (WG) vs F Maciel, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; A Schultz vs B Gilbert, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; C Steyn (SA) vs J Arias, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; S Lemp vs I V. Lendl (CA), 7-6, 7-6; J Canter vs M Noah (FR), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

TENNIS



Cry baby champions: John McEnroe, in his second tournament after a seven-month lay-off, displays his anguish as he goes down to Robert Seguso 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in Toronto ...



... and Ivan Lendl fluffs it, blaming the balls in a 7-6, 7-6 defeat by Kevin Curren in a battle between the big serves ...



... and Yannick Noah shows his rustiness after a two-month absence through injury, losing 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 to Jonathan Canter

CYCLING

Classic still struggles to find best format

From John Wilcockson Grand Junction Colorado

Speaking before yesterday's seventh stage of the 17-stage Coors International Classic, Greg LeMond, the 1983 winner, commented: "This year's race is different than last year's when the race was only between me and Andy Hampsten. It is much closer, but we still need some tougher road races. The climbs are all too far away from the stage finishes, which doesn't encourage aggressive racing. It is no certain that the strongest rider will win if the race is decided by the sprints."

LeMond, the 25-year-old American whose Tour de France victory has made him a growing media personality, quoted yesterday's stage, which goes through the dramatic canyon country of the Colorado National Monument, as typical of this phenomenon. He stated: "The stage is tough enough, but after leaving the climbs, we return to Grand Junction for five circuits to the town. Many of it is good for the spectators, but not so good for the race."

Organizing the multi-stage race in the United States is a far more expensive and complicated business than it is in Europe. Events such as the Tour de France can be routed to where the organizers want to go, and cities bid tens of thousands of pounds to host the stage — as much as £600,000 in the case of West Berlin which has bought the start of the 1987 Tour de France.

European governments welcome the publicity given by the big races. Indeed the European Economic Community is actually sponsoring next month the 12-day Tour de l'Avenir, which will start in Portugal and cross northern Spain and southern France before finishing in Italy.

The Coors classic is a much younger race than the European tours and is still struggling to find its best format. In the first week of this year's race there have been three short circuit stages and there are five more in the remaining week.

The European journalists present on the race are critical of the circuit races. "They are good for their big prize money," Jean-Michel Forest, a reporter from the Agence France Presse, said. "But there should not be a 30-second time bonus for the winners. It is much more difficult to gain half a minute on a normal road race stage."

Going into yesterday's stage, LeMond was holding fifth place, 52 seconds behind Doug Shapiro, the race leader, from Dix Hills, New York. The circuit races could be crucial to the final outcome, but also of importance will be the two individual time trials at Vail tomorrow and at Niwot next Friday.

Aiming for 10 in a row

Tokyo (Reuter) — Japan's world sprint champion Koichi Nakano, still in pain from fractured ribs, aims for his 10th consecutive win in the World Cycling Championships in Colorado Springs on August 27.

For past nine years he has been unbeaten in the world professional sprint race. He leaves for Colorado today with six other Japanese cyclists, including Masamitsu Takizawa, 26, another medal prospect.

"I feel no pressure and I'm not worrying about my rivals. I believe I can still race in my best condition," he said.

Nakano, who is 30, spent about a month in hospital with fractured ribs after a collision during practice on May 21.

A former high school athletic sprinter, Nakano turned to cycling in 1974 because of an injury. In 1976, a year after his professional debut as a Keirin racer, he came fourth in the professional sprint race in his first world championship.

The following year, he became the first Japanese to win the world professional sprint championship and in 1978 established himself as the king of Japan's Keirin racers. He has won nearly £2.3 million prize money since May, 1975.

Graf ready for return

Frankfurt (AP) — Steffi Graf, the West German tennis star who broke her toe during the Federation Cup in Prague in July, will have recovered in time to play in the US Open in September, according to her father.

"She'll be in shape to play in the US Open. By then, her toe will have recovered," Peter Graf said in a telephone call from his home in Brühl, near Heidelberg. Graf, age 17, who is No 3 in the world women's tennis rankings, was injured in a freak accident during the Federation Cup when a large sunshade umbrella was blown from its base by a gust of wind and fell on her right foot, breaking her big toe.

Graf beat No 1-ranked Martina Navratilova for the first time in West Berlin earlier this year but played poorly in the French Open because of a virus infection.

Not so easy top seeds find

Los Angeles (Reuter) — The top eight seeds were all upset in the first round of the \$250,000 Los Angeles tournament after yesterday's action, but Chris Evert Lloyd, the second seed, could attest that it was not as automatic as it looks on the television screen. She needed 107 minutes and all of her toughness to beat Bettina Bunge, of West Germany, 7-6, 6-4.

Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, the fifth seed, dropped a set to Lori McNeil, of America, before winning 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, and Zina Garrison, seeded No 8, did the same before recovering to defeat Natalie Tauziat, of France, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

In other matches, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, of West Germany, Pam Shriver, of America, Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, and Manuela Maleeva, of Bulgaria, all won in straight sets.

Lloyd fought herself in all kinds of trouble against Bunge, who was ranked as high as sixth

in the world until an ear operation caused a six-month lay-off. Bunge played Lloyd at her own game, trading strokes steadily from the baseline. In fact, she outplayed Lloyd in the opening set, when she took a 5-2, 40-love lead. But then, as Lloyd said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going. And as Bunge faulted, the American took advantage."

"As quickly as I got those set points, they were gone again," Bunge said. "I shouldn't have been, but I got a little intimidated knowing it was Chris on the other side of the net and I had the chance of winning the set, I guess I wasn't tough enough on those few points and once you give her the chance it is all over."

Lloyd knew she had been up against it in the first set. "I felt a little lucky to win that set because she was certainly in a position to win it," she said. "I started to get my range in the

second set and finally started to get my rhythm and never really felt threatened from then on. She made her go for the shots more and maybe that exposed a few weaknesses."

Tauziat exposed Garrison's frailties, pulling back from a four-joy deficit to lead 5-4 in the first set. Garrison recovered to earn a tie-break and although she lost that she raised her game once more to win the next two sets with ease. "She [Tauziat] is kind of a weird player because she is lackadaisical and floats around and then really hits the ball. She keeps you off balance," Garrison said. "I put a little more pressure on her after the first set and things were okay."

Sukova also pulled back into her match after being outplayed in the second set by McNeil. "I was playing but I wasn't fighting in the second set. I told myself to concentrate and fight for every point and I got back into it," Sukova said.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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# Brand conquers the wind to go one up

**By Mitchell Platt**

Gordon Brand Jun., not to be confused with the Gordon J Brand who finished runner-up in the Open championship last month, once again identified himself as a golfer of great potential in the Benson and Hedges International at Fulford, York, yesterday.

Brand, who has not won a tournament for almost two years after collecting four European titles in his first two years on the circuit, defied the blustery conditions to put together a second round of 67. It gave him a halfway aggregate of 132, which is 12 under par, and a one stroke lead from Lee Trevino, who finished in some style with three birdies in succession from the 15th to a 67.

Brand is regarded as a strong front-runner. He proved that to be the case in his first full year as a professional when he won the Coral Classic from the front in spite of being challenged by the likes of Greg Norman. Although he has not won since 1984 there can be little doubt that he has matured as a golfer with regard to his attitude to the game.

He certainly looked every inch a solid player as he maintained his challenge for a first prize of £30,000 after suffering an early reversal when he pulled a four iron approach into a bunker to drop a shot at the second hole. Thereafter, Brand did little wrong, save for missing two

short putts for birdies and after gathering four birdies he completed an impressive performance by hitting a two iron to within three feet of the hole at the 18th (488 yards) for an eagle three.

Trevino continued to entertain the gallery with his virtuoso skills. He quickly injected a measure of excitement into his round by making three birdies in succession from the second. And he certainly appeared to inspire his playing partners. For instance, Christy O'Connor Jun., who had eight birdies in his last 12 holes, set out fighting for survival. He finished with a round of 65 to be only five shots behind Brand.

In one sense Trevino, by his own admission, was more than a shade fortunate. He holed four putts of between

18ft and 40ft in his round. Then he revealed that after the Open championship he changed his grip to bring his right hand more on top so as to give him greater length. "It certainly helps me in heavy conditions, but adversely it has affected my short game," Trevino said.

Mark James, who shared the first round lead with Brand, executed some indifferent shots but he putted exceptionally well. His 70 enabled him to remain in contact, three strokes off the lead, and level with John O'Leary, who included six birdies in a 69.

O'Leary has a habit of playing well at this time of the year. He won the Carrolls Irish Open in August 1982, and his best performance throughout last season came in September

when he was runner up in the Panasonic European Open.

Sandy Lyle continues to struggle. He took 77 shots for a total of 148 and made an early exit from a tournament that he won 12 months ago. "I have just got to go out and practice then try and play my way out of this run," Lyle said.

**LEADING SECOND ROUND AGGREGATES (68 unless stated):** 132: G Brand Jr 65, 67, 133: L Trevino 66, 67, 135: M James 65, 70; J O'Leary (Ire) 68, 69, 136: H Balcourt (SA) 65, 70; N Hansen 67, 68, 137: M McQuay (Can) 68, 69; J Gonzalez (Bra) 66, 71; R Lee 68, 69; C O'Connor Jr (Ire) 72, 65, 138: J M O'Connell (Sp) 67, 71; J Hoggarty 68, 69; A Hoggarty 68, 73; M Rose 67, 72; 140: A Garrido (Sp) 68, 72; Williams 70, 70; J Lamore (US) 67, 73; M Martin (Sp) 69, 71; D Ray 68, 72; A E Watson 72, 69; Y Fernandez (Arg) 67, 74; N Faldo 71, 70; G Turner (NZ) 67, 74; B Lane 70, 71; P Walton (Ire) 70, 71; O Sorenson (Swe) 68, 73; D Lewin 68, 72; A Russell (US) 70, 71; Armour 111 (US) 68, 73.



Tight-tipped he may be but Brand Jun. demonstrates a first class follow through

## Alas, the dark age is upon us again

Simon Barnes

August is the cruellest month, bringing football out of the green land, mixing memory and desire and making us all as sick as a parrot in the process. The ghastly, horrible Charity Shield, that harbinger of winter, is the most loathsome event in sport because it brings with it the return of football, cold days and misery. Few of us will have any charitable thoughts for football today; rather we will call down curses on the game from every direction.

Newspapers always greet the return of the football season with incomprehensible glee. "Robson 'Out Seven Games'", declares one, inducing a veritable feeling of déjà vu. I am sure that some newspaper editors have made a religious vow to print the same picture of Robson rolling about in agony on alternate days throughout the football season. "Robbo Crock Shock" is permanently set in type for use at least once a week. "Spurs Stole Our Kid" — "Mick Channon Lifts The Lid Off Soccer" — the sport's essential vitality is conveyed with almost pedantic care by some newspapers, and the sense of depression this brings with it, all-encompassing.

Footballing depression is an annual event, of course. That is inevitable. The start of the cricket season is

### CRICKET: OPENING BATSMAN TURNS DOWN AUSTRALIA TOUR

## Gooch puts family ahead of England

**By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent**

Graham Gooch told the England selectors yesterday that for family reasons he will be unavailable to tour Australia this winter. The cricket will be less fun to watch without him; but he is wise to stay behind if, as in the West Indies last winter, he would have been a reluctant tourist.

After a close study of the itinerary, Gooch found that it did not lead itself to his juggling his wife and three daughters (these include twins of 12 months old) in one of the few cities and being able to visit them there regularly. As an example of how difficult that would have been, the team play their first day's cricket in Sydney on January 15, more than three months after arriving in Australia.

The selectors could still call for him for the one-day matches, which are concentrated into the last six weeks of the tour.

Having heard Gooch's decision, the selectors had to decide last night whether to pick him for next week's third Test match against New Zealand. There are numerous precedents for not choosing the best side, in order to try someone else. You could say that it was done as recently as

## Metcalfe again shows his ability

**By Peter Marson**

**EDGBASTON: A TCCB XI drew with the New Zealanders.**

A first-class innings by Ken Rutherford, who made his first hundred on the New Zealand tour, and a well-made 61 by Martin Crowe took the New Zealanders to 291 for six, the point at which John Wright made his declaration at Edgbaston yesterday.

That left a TCCB XI with an improbable target of 242 runs to win in an hour and a quarter plus the mandatory 20 overs. In this last passage, which was played out in better light than at any time in the match, Ashley Metcalfe again gave evidence of his ability in an innings of 71 not out, which included 12 boundaries, off 81 balls, and Robert Bailey, who had rid himself of his inhibitions of the previous day, hit the ball harder and further than the rest.

In the morning a strong, hazy wind was something Lawrence and Capel could have done without as they opened the bowling with the New Zealanders 76 for two. As Peter May, chairman of England's selectors, came on to the pavilion balcony to join Fred Titmus and Mickie Stewart, who is the assistant manager of the forthcoming tour of Australia, Lawrence and Capel had already veered off with Rutherford and Martin Crowe helping themselves to 22 runs from the first 18 balls.

By the time Such and De Freitas had moved into the front line, De Freitas alone had shown himself capable of giving the batsmen cause for concern.

Martin Crowe's philosophy ran along a parallel course and it was with a splendid stroke through the offside field to the extra cover boundary that took him to his half century. At the other end, Rutherford's elegant style took him into the nineties, there to take a pause, before completing his 100 with a resounding square cut for four off Capel. His sixteenth boundary had taken him to 102 off 172 balls in a stay of 207 minutes.

An excellent catch off his shoelaces by De Freitas in the deep mid-off led to Martin Crowe's paring, and a marvellous piece of fielding at short mid-wicket by Barnett left Rutherford stranded in mid pitch and run out for 104. Barnett, too, caught a splendid catch at second slip to send Jeff Crowe on his way.

**NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 291 for 6 (44 overs):** Rutherford 104, Crowe 61, Wright 61, Barnett 51, De Freitas 40, Such 38, O'Brien 31, Marne 21, G. G. Bennett 18, J. G. Bennett 18 not out.

**Extras (lb 4, nb 6, nb 4) 29**

**Total (48 wk day) 291**

**FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 8-4, 3-173, 4-187, 5-208, 6-221**

**BOWLING: Lawrence 10-2-58-1; De Freitas 19.1-4-59-1; Capel 23.3-6-79-2; Such 38-8-1-1; Barnett 3-0-7-0.**

**TCCB XI: First Innings: 238 for 6 dec (4 A) (44 overs):** May 88, H. J. Easley 88.

**Second Innings:**

**J. O. Wright 4; Lawrence 40; T. J. Franklin 6; De Freitas 104; K. Rutherford 104; M. O. Crowe 61; De Freitas 40; Such 38; J. J. Crowe 61; Barnett 51; Capel 23; J. T. E. Blair 3; Russell 3; Capel 23; J. G. Bennett 18; J. G. Bennett 18 not out.**

**Extras (lb 11) 21**

**Total (one wk) 238**

**FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21; 2-34-0; Barnett 6; 3-57-1; Crowe 61; 4-79-2; Watson 4-0-20-0; Smith 2-0-0-0; Rutherford 1-0-0-0.**

**Umpires: A A Jones and K J Lyons.**

### ATHLETICS

## Sluggish Aouita finds Cram mile mark well out of reach

**From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, West Berlin**

Said Aouita's latest world record attempt came unstuck here last night, and the Moroccan almost lost the mile race, rather than attack Steve Cram's record of 3min 46.32sec. Aouita was, first of all, left at the start, and took three-quarters of a lap to work his way up behind the pace makers, Omar Khalifa and Abdil Bile Abdi, who proceeded to go through the first lap in 54.02sec and the half-mile in 1:51.11.

At that point, Aouita lost interest, and let the hare go. He was evidently experiencing the difficulties of coming down from running 3,000/5,000m with the odd 10,000m thrown in. It is easier to go up the distances rather than down, and the pace told in the Moroccan. Bile Abdi had 40 metres lead at the bell, and everybody started to think in terms of Steve Overt's loss to pacemaker Tom Byers half a dozen years ago. But Bile Abdi dropped out, leaving

### FOOTBALL

## Two subs for cup but not for League

Two substitutes will be allowed in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup, formerly the Milk Cup, this season. First division clubs have rejected this move for the League championship. The resolution was not even put to the League's extraordinary general meeting in London yesterday.

In European and international football two substitutes are already permitted. Graham Kelly, the League secretary, said: "It was considered logical to have two substitutes in the Littlewoods competition."

Third and fourth division clubs were dealt another financial blow when the meeting voted to cut their share of money from the Littlewoods Cup. The percentage of gate receipts shared between all 92 clubs was cut from 20 to 10 per cent.

The way the money will be distributed was also changed. Instead of its being equally divided between everyone, half will go to the first division, a quarter to the second division and the remaining quarter to the third and fourth divisions.

### YACHTING

## Indulgence takes an early lead

**By Barry Pickthall**

Graham Walker and his crew on board Indulgence proved themselves masters of Torbay yesterday by scoring a significant victory in the opening race of the Three-quarter Ton Cup world championships.

With winds gusting to 20 knots, Indulgence, steered by Eddie Warden-Owen, the America's Cup helmsman, found themselves blanketed by Frontrunner, the leading Danish entry which, like Britain's Applecote, shot the line early at the start of this 24-mile race around an Olympic course.

Applecote returned immediately but Frontrunner continued on. Despite this, the British boat pulled through to the front of the fleet rounding the mark just astern of Frontrunner.

Rounding the gybe mark, the Danish leaders tied their spinnaker up in knots, handing Indulgence the chance to climb up to weather and gain the upper hand in time for the second beat.

Frontrunner again showed superior speed upwind to regain the lead and held this advantage on the run back to the leeward mark again. However, Walker and his crew broke through on the following weather leg after picking up a lift in the wind missed by the Danes and maintained their advantage to the finish.

**RESULTS: First race: 1, Indulgence (G Walker, GB); 2, Frontrunner (Niels Jørgensen, Dan) (subject to protest); 3, Flurschaden (C Flugge, WG); 4, K4487 (Decoz, FR); 5, Turbo (T Hoel, Dan); 6, Other British placings: 8, Lion (T Carving, 11, Snowdown (R Arnold, 17, Wings of Cowley (RAFSA).**

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### SPORT IN BRIEF

**Johnson so close**

Trish Johnson, Britain's Curtis Cup player, was beaten at the first play-off hole yesterday in the quarter-final of the United States women's amateur golf championship in Santa Cruz.

Playing Flori Prono, of the United States, Johnson — who had beaten the defending champion, Michiko Hattori, of Japan, the previous day — forced the match to an extra hole on the Pass Tiempo course with a birdie at the 18th. Undeterred, however, her American opponent struck back with a birdie at the next hole to go through to the semi-finals.

### Calling time

Younis Ahmed, the 38-year-old former Pakistan Test batsman, announced yesterday he is leaving Glamorgan and retiring from first-class cricket at the end of the season to set up in business.

### All change

Aberdeen have signed Robert Connor, Dundee's international midfield player in a £350,000 deal. The Tayside club have received money with midfield player Ian Angus.

### Buying power

Leigh have signed Ivor Owen, the 23-year-old Leigh Miners and Great Britain amateur rugby league prop forward, who was ever present in the international side's summer tour to Australia. Also in the market yesterday were Warrington, who have signed another amateur international — Tony Humphreys, from Crossfields.

### New blood

Ian Dunn, the former New Zealand outside half, is set to join Pontypool, the Welsh rugby union champions. His arrival will help plug a gap for the Welsh club, following the departure of Mike Goldsworthy to Glamorgan Wanderers.

### Just reward

Halifax Town are to give a testimonial match at the end of the season for Billy Ayre, the club coach, who, on medical advice, was forced to end his playing career last week because of persistent knee trouble.

### On trial

Blackpool Borough, the rugby league club, have signed Kevin Lowe, the 25-year-old Rochdale Hornets hooker, on a month's loan.

### Double tonic

Wilbert Greaves, Britain's Olympic high hurdler, will turn back the clock today when he competes for Haringey in the vital GRC British athletics league division one match at Plaistow, East London.

Greaves, already committed to run in the high hurdles, has answered his club's call to double-up and run in the 400 metres hurdles as well — the first time he will have competed over the distance since 1984. With his Olympic teammate Gary Oakes pulling out with hamstring trouble, Greaves has stepped in an attempt to help his club retain the title they won last year.



Greaves: stepping up

### Inherited miseries of primitive man

a wholly different occasion, full of good cheer and optimism, for it is the herald of summer and of longer and warmer days. But football, intertemporarily rising in the middle of summer, reminds us only of winter, short days, chilled bones, and the battering the spirit takes during weeks on end without the sun. All the inherited miseries of primitive man who knew as the days shortened that his cave would become more hideous and his life harder with each night of the coming winter, are recalled in the return of the football season. A single mention of Ron Atkinson recalls countless scenes of suffering.

Every year, football steps rudely and uninvited back into our lives. It does so again this year despite, or perhaps because of, the pleasures of the summer's World Cup. For we know the English season will not bring us the glorious follies of the Danes, the flair of the Soviets, the heart-lifting skills of the Brazilians and the French. We will get lots of running without instead. "Come on son, pressure, pressure, pressure," the coaches will yell; pressure, the substitute for skill, and one away point, the substitute for glory.

And when football comes, the morons are never far behind. Only fully sane person would go to a football match for pleasure? To travel in an unspeakable atmosphere of threat and watch a poor

### A game followed by poisonous people

game played to the sounds of witless abuse is this what Saturday afternoons are for? No wonder more and more people watch telly.

England has greeted the first knockings of the football season with riots abroad and riots on the Channel: any European club that fixed a pre-season friendly with an English club must be run by lunatics. English football is desperate to return to European competition, but I don't think English clubs should ever be allowed back. True, the football in these competitions is often pretty good, but the price is far, far too high.

It is impossible for any football match involving an English club to take place without an enormous number of policemen. This is absurd. If public meetings ever gave rise to such predictable disorder, they would be banned from taking place. Perhaps the answer is for the law to make a pre-emptive strike against footballing disorder: anyone who agrees to play a football match against Chelsea should be charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

English football is followed by poisonous people, and Europe was quite right to get rid of them. The more they see English football, the less trouble they will get from it, because that comes with it. There is a lesson here for England. England should follow Europe's lead. English clubs are banned from European competition: they should now be banned from domestic competition as well. That will do the trick. That will certainly make the month of August less cruel.